



BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

Meeting on September 26, 2023, 6:00 PM

BAC Members Present: Josh Benner
Aaron Cook
Frank Devine (Chair)
John Holmes
Kristen McSorley (Vice Chair)
Lauren Patterson
John Pinnix
Nate Steinhauer

BAC Members Absent: Donielle Prophete

City Staff Present: Dave Campbell, CDOT
Elina Shepard, CDOT

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

Frank Devine called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Agenda Item # 2 Introductions of Members and Guests

Frank introduced himself and Kristen McSorley (Vice-Chair). Quick round of introductions of the board members and members of the public. Among present at the meeting are William Snyder (CRTPO) joining virtually, and Juan joining in person.

Agenda Item #3 Call to the Public

Juan asked if there are any plans to expand bike facilities on the 6th street by the theater.

Agenda Item #4 Review of the Minutes

John Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes from BAC July meeting. Frank Devine seconded the motion. The motion has been passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 Monthly Reports

- John Pinnix (Chair of the BAC Education and Encouragement subcommittee) reported out on what has been discussed at the subcommittee meeting in August:
 - Bike Valet Ordinance
 - Open Streets events and Biketoberfest in October
 - Walk and Ride to school initiative
- John Holmes (Chair of the BAC Engineering and Infrastructure subcommittee) reported out on what has been discussed at the subcommittee meeting in August:
 - Living Ends
 - Street repavement program
- Dave Campbell (CDOT Staff report)
 - Dave provided an update on some ongoing bike projects in the city that are either complete or going to be complete in the nearest future, including Stewart Creek greenway, Jordan Place protected intersection (Charlotte's first fully protected intersection), Irwin Creek greenway, and bike lane piece between State St and Martin Luther King Park.
 - Dave said he will be back with the update on bike count work at the next board meetings. He added that StreetLight Data, Inc. ("StreetLight") has conducted a study looking into bicycle activity in the top 100 US metros. Frank Devine said that he has downloaded a report with the results of the study and can share it with anyone interested.
 - Dave provided an update on the ongoing constructions on the 6th Street. He said that the current building of Charlotte Mecklenburg Main Library is going to be demolished, and to avoid debris of the road, portions of the street are going to be closed off for the safety. With the construction of the new library building, a 12 feet multi use path is going to be built in place of a sidewalk. Josh Benner asked if the new multi-use path is going to be painted as a cycle track and if the city's ordinance says anything about the requirement to maintain access to the bike infrastructure during the construction on the adjacent properties. Dave said currently the ordinance doesn't require such accommodation. John Holmes added that it would be good if the sidewalks are not obstructed during the construction.
 - Dave went over the new board attendance policy.
- Frank Devine, BAC Chair:
 - The city is hiring more staff to add to the Quality-of-Life Team to help with rapid response for cars illegally parked on the bike lanes. Josh Benner asked if the rule also applies to the city's vehicles, because occasionally, CMPD and CATS cars are seen parked on the bike lanes. Dave said that Fire and Police might have some discretion, but generally, city vehicles should not be parked on bike lanes.
 - Frank reminded the attendees about the upcoming Open Street events in October. John Holmes asked why Open Street events are organized in quite

neighborhoods instead of major intersections that could bring more foot traffic. He also asked who in the city government is organizing these events. Dave said someone in the Corridor of Opportunities team within the Planning Department. He added that BAC members are welcome to attend the events to help with bike smoothies and talk to attendees, but it won't count towards board attendance requirements.

Agenda Item # 6 New Business

- Dave Campbell said that some new bike related features have been added to CLT+ App, but the goal is to make it more user friendly as more people report bike related issues. Dave said he will invite Kayla Losh who was responsible for those upgrades to the future BAC meeting.
- Frank Devine brought up an idea of creating a dashboard of bike projects to quantify bike related progress in the city, similar to the map that the Mecklenburg County has that shows greenway projects in process and projects completed. Then the dashboard information can be used to put together a score card – how many bike miles have been built, how much can be built with bike funding available.
- John Holmes asked if City Council's Transportation, Planning and Development committee discusses bike related issues during their meetings.
- Josh Benner asked if there is any way to know what is proposed for the next budget cycle.
- Dave Campbell also showed a map of locations where the city is currently doing bike counts. He also showed count records collected from the tube left for a week, to see which days are the busiest at each location. Dave said all this data is going to be online for everyone to have access to.

Agenda Item # 7 Old Business

- There was no discussion of old business at the meeting.

Agenda Item # 8 Member Topics and Updates

- John Holmes asked, with "SleepyMcSweepface" (City's only bike lane sweeping equipment) being out of order, what is the alternative that the city is considering for bike lane sweeping? Dave Campbell responded that there is going to be a different machine doing the work for now while SleepyMcSweepface is being fixed.
- Josh Benner asked what the long-term vision for Charlotte Rides is, and whether the city is going to support the program in the future.
- Lauren Patterson, the newest member of the board, asked which board subcommittee she should join. Board voted unanimously for her to join Education and Encouragement subcommittee. Josh Benner, another new board member, said he would like to be a member of the Engineering & Infrastructure subcommittee.

- Frank Devine asked if there is a way to have the server folder for the BAC members to get engaged.
- John Pinnix asked when the board plans to prepare annual report for the City Council. Dave responded that Frank and Kristen should be starting to work on it soon.

Agenda Item # 9 Any Additional Public Comment

No additional comments have been brought up by the public.

Agenda Item # 10 Confirm Next Meeting

There will be no board meeting in October because of the Open Streets events. Subcommittee meetings in November: November 21st – *Engineering and Infrastructure*; November 28th – *Education and Encouragement*. December meeting – date TBD, joint meeting with TSAC

Frank Devine made a motion to close the meeting, Nate Steinhauer seconded the motion. The meeting closed at 7:43 PM