



## **BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)**

Meeting on January 30, 2024, 6:00 PM

BAC Members Present: Kristen McSorley, Vice-Chair  
Frank Devine, Chair  
Josh Benner  
Tammy Brock  
John Holmes  
Lauren Patterson  
John Pinnix  
Donielle Prophete  
Matt Weschler

BAC Members Absent: Aaron Cook  
Nate Steinhauer

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

### Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

Frank Devine called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

### Agenda Item #2 Introduction of Members and Guests

Among guests present at the meeting are Connie Proctor, Kristine Weber, Joe Frey, and Juan Contreras Juarez

### Agenda Item #3 Call to the Public

No comments from the public.

### Agenda Item #4 Review of the Minutes

**December 12, 2023**, meeting minutes. Frank Devine made a motion to approve, Matt Weschler seconded the motion. **September 26, 2023**, meeting minutes. Lauren Patterson made a motion to approve, John Holmes seconded the motion. Both motions passed. Tammy Brock said that September meeting minutes had language inaccuracies that needed to be addressed. Approved minutes are posted online on the [BAC's website](#).

#### Agenda Item #5 Monthly Reports

- Subcommittee Reports. None, subcommittee reports have been made during December meeting.
- Staff Report
  - There is going to be a detour for two years for bicyclists while the new main library is being built Uptown. Frank Devine asked if this information is going to be published online for more people to know about the detour. Dave Campbell said yes.
  - The City and County are going through development of the next fiscal year budget. Opportunities to engage will likely to occur in that process. The City Council had a retreat last week. Tuesday was focused on Mobility.
- City Council Report - None
- BOCC Report - None
- Other Legislative reports - None

#### Agenda Item # 6 New Business

- **Bicycle Program Budget for Education and Encouragement.**
  - Dave Campbell said that CDOT is working on figuring out the budget allocation for the bicycle program. Dave mentioned that bike program is funded through bond funds. The proposal is to allocate \$150,000 out of the bike program funds to spend on bike education and encouragement initiatives, over a two-year period. Dave suggested that the funds could be spent on a series of bike focused education classes.
    - Comments from the board members: Lauren Patterson said that having the classes in the same location would be helpful from the consistency standpoint. Frank Devine said when planning bike classes, need to make sure the location is accessible to people in other parts of the city. John Pinnix supported the idea of having a rotating schedule of class locations.
  - Dave also brought up an idea to spend some of the funding on pop up bike services, particularly in the East Charlotte, where there are not many alternatives.
    - Comments from the board members: Lauren said that this initiative could be combined with other events, such as Farmer's Market. John Pinnix emphasized the importance of making sure that by offering free bike services at those events the city is not taking away business

from entities that are offering these services for a pay. As alternative, the city could partner with those services ahead of the event. Matt Weschler suggested to organize a competition (e.g., raffle with prizes for miles of bike commuting) for bike commuters as a form of encouragement to get engaged.

- **February Retreat Agenda**

Frank Devine reminded the board members and the public that the goals the board members would come up with during the retreat need to be SMART. Dave provided some ideas on what could be discussed at the retreat including bike dashboard, bike program budget, and Open Streets events. Lauren Patterson said that the board could also discuss how to enhance the visibility of the bike infrastructure and the bike related work that city is doing. Matt Weschler said that it doesn't have to be a retreat discussion item, but the board could think about how to leverage the UDO (e.g., pay-in-lieu provisions) to increase the 8 million dollars of bond funds to get more bike infrastructure built. It was agreed by the board members that there will be no virtual option to participate at the upcoming retreat.

- **2024 BAC Schedule**

- **February:** Full board retreat (at Urban Design Center)
- **March:** Subcommittee meetings
  - Engineering and Infrastructure - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month; Education and Encouragement - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month
- **April:** Full board meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)
- **May:** No meetings. Board members are welcome to attend bike month events, but this will not count towards the attendance requirement.
- **June:** Full board meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)
- **July:** Subcommittee meetings
  - Engineering and Infrastructure - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month; Education and Encouragement - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month
- **August:** Full board meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)
- **September:** Subcommittee meetings
  - Engineering and Infrastructure - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month; Education and Encouragement - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month
- **October:** Full board meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)
- **November:** Subcommittee meetings
  - Engineering and Infrastructure - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month; Education and Encouragement - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month
- **December:** Full board meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month). Probably will be rescheduled if falls on Christmas day.

- **Bike Detection Pilot**

- Dave Campbell proposed an idea of a pilot study to place pedestrian hybrid beacons (further, PHBs) at the intersections with some of the bike routes that

would allow for a safer crossing by the bicyclists. He said that usually PHBs are put mid-block and not approved for bikes, but they could be reconfigured to work for bikes, and many cities have been implementing similar projects. Dave suggested few locations for the pilot study, on South Boulevard and on Woodlawn Rd. Part of the pilot would be to install the signal, promote the pilot project and monitor the usage to see how automobilists, pedestrians and cyclists react and what safety concerns come up. Possible ways to monitor the usage of the signal include camera, hiring a consultant to do the observations, QR code to collect cyclists' feedback. John Holmes said that the problem of safer street crossing could be better addressed by installing traffic calming infrastructure that would provide more permanent effect. Dave Campbell responded that if the pilot is successful, installing PHBs for bikes would be easier than getting NCDOT to approve road dieting.

#### Agenda Item # 7 Old Business

No old business was discussed at the meeting.

#### Agenda Item # 8 Members Topics and Updates

Matt Weschler said that it would be good to bring someone to the board meeting (e.g., Engineering and Infrastructure subcommittee) to provide explanation of how developers pay for pedestrian/bike infrastructure.

Tammy Brock asked if the law was passed in 2013 that would prohibit the state to fund any stand-alone bike projects and if the City can do anything about it. John Holmes responded that the law was changed last year, so now the state is allowed to fund standalone bike projects.

#### Agenda Item # 9 Any additional public comments

No additional comments from the public.

#### Agenda Item # 10 Confirm Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next meeting (board annual retreat) is scheduled for February 27th, 2023, 4:00 – 7:00pm at Urban Design Center, 1507 Camden Rd.

Frank Devine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kristen McSorley seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38PM.