



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

Meeting on July 25, 2023, 6:00 PM

BAC Members Present: Angela Stoyanovitch (Chair)  
Frank Devine (Vice Chair)  
Aaron Cook  
John Holmes  
Kristen McSorley  
John Pinnix  
Donielle Prophete  
Nate Steinhauer

BAC Members Absent: Jay Banks  
Christian Behrens  
Miguel Garcia

City Staff Present: Dave Campbell, CDOT  
Elina Shepard, CDOT  
Katie Lloyd, Mecklenburg County Government, Park &  
Recreation

### Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

Angela Stoyanovitch called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

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

All the members present in the room introduced themselves as well as members of the public. Among present members of the public were Christine Weber and Charlotte Planning Commissioner. Due to technical reasons minutes were not taken for parts of Agenda # 3, 4 and 5. Minutes of the missing agenda items were relayed by Angela Stoyanovitch.

### Agenda Item #3 Call to the Public

None

#### Agenda Item #4 Review of the Minutes

The board voted to approve board's May meeting minutes.

#### Agenda Item #5 Monthly Reports

*John Pinnix (Education and Encouragement subcommittee)*

John Pinnix's report started with a shout out to Angela Stoyanovitch as a Chair. John then asked if that should be included in the record. John Holmes and Frank Devine motioned to approve this note. John Pinnix also talked about a summary of events taking place and receiving a lot of background information from the members of the public, as well as a plan to look at kids riding bikes safely to school.

*John Holmes (Engineering and Infrastructure subcommittee)*

John Holmes reported out on what has been discussed at the Engineering and Infrastructure subcommittee meeting in June. For the bike count, Angela suggested coordinate with the city and consider the locations that the city is already counting in place.

*Dave Campbell (CDOT Staff report).*

Dave reported about the upcoming August 1 National Night out events.

*Angela Stoyanovitch, BAC Chair*

Angela talked about the template and format of the agenda as well as the upcoming vote to select a new Chair and a Vice Chair. Angela said that the current state of bikeability in Charlotte is progressing and that it is reaching a point of demand and critical mass that the City can no longer ignore. She said that people from all walks of life are ready to ride safely on the road and share the road without risking their lives. BAC's currently filled seats are more than capable of teasing these details apart (such as aspects of equity) while rallying for additional resourcing for years to come.

#### Agenda Item # 6 New Business

Katie Lloyd, Senior Planner with Mecklenburg County Government Park and Recreation Department made a presentation on greenway trails update. Katie provided a breakdown of planned and ongoing projects. She said that 13 miles of greenways are currently in construction with estimated completion from 2023 to 2025. Katie referred the committee to the [Meck Playbook](#), a plan that guides the development of greenways in the County. She also went over the implementation highlights and talked about how greenway projects are prioritized. Some of the criteria include connectivity to the existing trails, land acquisition requirement, priority communities, and opportunities to expand partner projects.

John Pinnix asked if the County receives any funding from the towns to help with the costs of the projects. John Holmes said that municipalities around Charlotte are interested in this kind of infrastructure. He added that if the City/County can partner with them that can help all sides.

Katie said that the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners has recently approved the Fiscal Years 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that includes 37 projects across 4 categories: Parks and Nature Preserves, Greenway Trails, Facilities, and Other Projects. "Other Projects" category includes skateboard parks, dog parks, and pickleball courts – facilities that communities have expressed interest in having in their neighborhoods. A detailed description of each project can be found [here](#).

Katie also showed a slide with a map that shows areas in the county that have gaps in open space access. Overlapped with the areas with "Priority Communities", this map guides the way County prioritizes land acquisition. "Priority Communities" are identified as those that have above average rates of youth under 18, senior over 65, renters, income below poverty line, limited access to a car, and communities of color. John Holmes asked if similar characteristics have been selected to create Bike Priority Network. Aaron Cook asked why renters data is included as one of the characteristics to identify priority communities, and how successful is County in getting land from the development requests. Angela Stoyanovitch asked why "Communities of color" is included as a separate criterion when it's already incorporated in other criteria on the list.

City Planning Commissioner present at the meeting as a member of the public mentioned that the City Council pays attention to the tree save and available park land when they review the rezoning petitions. Another member of the public asked if there is a way to make sure there is enough bike facilities in the parks. Katie responded that it is an operational rather than a capital issue, but residents can reach out 311 services to submit a request. Another member of the public asked if the County could update Greenway Master Plan map on the website. The one currently posted is from 2021.

### Agenda Item # 7 Old Business

- Nomination of the new Chair and Vice Chair of the BAC:
  - Angela Stoyanovitch said she would like to nominate Frank Devine as a Chair and Kristen McSorley as a Vice Chair of the board. Frank said he had a great experience being a Vice Chair and would accept the nomination. Kristen said she would accept nomination as a Vice Chair. Angela made a motion to

nominate Frank Devine as a Chair and Kristen McSorley as a Vice Chair. John Pinnix seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 8 Member Topics and Updates

- There were no additional discussion by the board members.

Agenda Item # 9 Any Additional Public Comment

- There were no additional comments from the public

Agenda Item # 10 Confirm Next Meeting

- Next meeting is going to be a subcommittee (“Engineering and Infrastructure”) meeting in August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Government Center and “Education and Encouragement” meeting in August 22<sup>d</sup>. Next full BAC meeting is going to be in September. There will be no BAC meetings in October because of the Open Streets events. Angela Stoyanovitch made a motion to close the meeting, Nate Steinhauer seconded the motion. The meeting was closed at 7:43 PM