

AGENDA
City of Charlottesville
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Thursday, **February 1, 2024**; 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
[Remote meeting via Zoom](#)

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Call to Order [5:00 PM, 8 minutes]

Virtual introductions.

Approval of the Agenda [5:08 PM; 1 minute]

Approval of Meeting Notes [5:09 PM, 1 minute]

a. [Previous Meeting Notes \(January 4, 2024\)](#)

Special Topic: Secretary [5:10 PM, 5 minutes]

Public Comment [5:15 PM, 10 minutes]

Most of the city schools have rubbish bike racks, which is inhospitable for children wanting to cycle to schools. Ben says the city is working on upgrading the racks. Fundraising can go through PTOs.

Alec points out that students often ease into it by cycling one way, so we should think about ways for students to leave bikes at schools a little longer.

Tommy is reaching out to PTOs and schools looking for bike programming during Bike Month.

Staff Updates [5:25 PM, 20 minutes]

- 1) Kyle Rodland - Safe Routes to School Coordinator
- 2) Ben Chambers - Transportation Planning Manager

Funding acquired for scoping out the 5th St road diet. A consultant will come in and design a quick-build plan for the city to put on the ground quickly and try it out to see how it goes.

Close to finishing sidewalk prioritization. Hoping it will be approved April/May time.

- 3) Tommy Safranek - Bike Pedestrian Coordinator

Community Walks: monthly walk program exploring city neighborhoods. Well over 100 people showed up for the first one. This month's is on Sunday 11th at 12pm, exploring Martha Jefferson and Little High neighborhood. Meeting at the Burnley Moran parking lot.

Still looking to tweak the bike/ped page on the city website. Especially wanting to update the static parking map with the newer one.

City Manager's office is making sidewalks a massive priority.

William asks about 5th St - will the road diet work at the end for 5th st station? The northbound lane might make more sense. Ben says the southbound impacts the traffic a lot less, but yes there are issues with connectivity at the south end. Working with county and TJPDC on south end and beyond.

Alec asks about undergrounding of utilities to get rid of the poles in the middle of the sidewalks. Utility companies seem to want to underground things now; is city working with them? Yes, ADA evaluation has found all of those spots. Now figuring out which utility pole the city wants to remove first.

Herb asks if Ben is considering combining bike and ped infrastructure in the sidewalk prioritization, for example where there isn't enough right of way for both types of infrastructure. Ben says no because city law outlaws cycling on sidewalks, so they can't plan for that. They don't like it. They contacted CPD to verify that police aren't stopping people for riding on sidewalks; they say they don't stop people unless there's good bike infrastructure in the same place.

Alec: could we work on rewriting that city ordinance?

Does there need to be a posting to forbid sidewalk riding? Ben thinks only for state-owned properties.

Potential Project: Promoting & Improving the Region's Bicycle Maps [5:45 PM, 20 minutes]

Current resources:

[Charlottesville Bicycle Infrastructure Map](#)

[Charlottesville Levels of Stress Map](#)

[Virginia Bicycle Facility Inventory](#)

Albemarle County doesn't have anything that matches the city's bicycle infrastructure map.

Guinevere says that Richmond has some very nice maps.

William agrees that the maps need updating. Is there a model where we can advocate through the maps - highlighting where there are gaps in the network.

Tommy cautions against putting in infrastructure on a map where there isn't any.

Tommy suggests talking to people at the shops to see if they'd want to help putting it together.

Would be a good way to fundraise for it as well.

Perhaps include links to TJPDC and City plans that highlight the gaps.

Resource: WalkScore, BikeScore

Herb will draft a very rough first draft that includes all the things he's thinking about, will send it

to the email list.

Other Business [6:05, 10 minutes]

William: Cub Scout bike rodeo each spring with Blue Wheel at IX. Last year Criterion on Preston. Looking for new partners. Tommy says Bike Month has been hoping to do a bike rodeo on the family bike thing first Sunday.

James asks about the intersection at the east of the West Main turning right onto Ridge; Ben says that the whole intersection is slated for a future Smart Scale funding, but nothing happening yet. Peter O asks if it shows up in ADA transition, Ben expects so.

William says the Stribling neighbors haven't heard recently from the city about the sidewalk project. Asking for an update to bring to the neighborhood board. Ben says the sketches are very rough at the moment - full survey and conceptual design hasn't happened yet. Public engagement will happen at that stage. Single project planner is overwhelmed with projects.

Announcements [6:15, 5 minutes]

Community walk next week.

RTF monthly walk the following weekend; for walkers and bikers too.

Active Mobility Summit on 21st March at Wool Factory.

Guinevere will be participating in a Parks & Rec focus group next week, happy to take BPAC ideas/comments and represent.

Ben: Close Call form. closealldatabase as well.

Agenda Items for next BPAC Meeting [6:20, 5 minutes]

Herb: Meeting in person.

Adjourn [6:30]

Chat

17:10:16 From Guinevere Higgins (she/her) to Everyone:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nGMdmwLNMo73qu6JPOelFMw-fVoIYPbOw3sQl5jGURw/edit>

17:10:21 From Guinevere Higgins (she/her) to Everyone:

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17:12:39 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

The charter was sponsored by the passive voice.

17:18:40 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

Substantially decent new racks at Clark:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/XJgc1ppqbYegvdie9>

17:20:20 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

Incredibly crappy rack at Buford that we should all go demolish together this summer:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/AC411Bxr7J2KLZpbA>

17:20:22 From Joshua Carp to Everyone:

My kids are screaming, but if anybody is interested in Bike Month, we're having our next planning meeting next Friday

17:35:50 From Guinevere Higgins (she/her) to Everyone:

Belmont Bridge currently!

17:37:12 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

But we should have a celebration for the city's first separated bike lanes with concrete separators when the Belmont Bridge project is complete!

17:37:24 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

You can see the separators going in on the west (closed) side now

17:38:34 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

Here's the wording: "No person may ride a bicycle, an electric power-assisted bicycle, a motorized skateboard or scooter, or a moped on any sidewalk or other area designated exclusively for pedestrian traffic including, without limitation, the pedestrian mall area on Main Street between the Ninth Street bridge and Ridge-McIntire Road; provided however, that this prohibition does not apply to on-duty police officers and other uniformed emergency services personnel using the pedestrian mall."

17:40:20 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

https://library.municode.com/va/charlottesville/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CO_CH15MOVETR_ARTVIBIELPOSIBIMOSKSCMO_S15-246RISKSIDOMA

17:42:03 From Guinevere Higgins (she/her) to Everyone:

The ones with the poles in the middle!

17:43:27 From Guinevere Higgins (she/her) to Everyone:

It's wonderful!

17:44:26 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

Bike marking used in Portland for shared use paths:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/markstos/2919745827>

17:56:21 From Alec Gosse to Everyone:

<https://www.openstreetmap.org/way/208516284>

17:58:09 From Guinevere Higgins (she/her) to Everyone:

I have to hop off for a few, be back soon!

18:00:04 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

Creating a flyer with links to existing maps is a relatively simple BPAC task. Creating a whole new Regional Mobility Map is a big, big task.

18:05:29 From Alec Gosse to Everyone:

<https://docs.opentripplanner.org/en/dev-2.x/Product-Overview/>

18:08:32 From Alec Gosse to Everyone:

<http://brouter.de/brouter-web/#map=16/38.0352/-78.4893/standard&lonlats=-78.493195,38.046131;-78.493195,38.046131;-78.464355,38.025164;-78.464355,38.025164>

18:09:04 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

This is the study for which nationwide bike access calcs were done - Alec, I think it used OpenTripPlanner until now and is switching to a different routing engine called R5.

<https://www.cts.umn.edu/programs/ao/aaa/naepfs>

18:11:22 From James Van Vranken (he/him) to City Zoom8(Direct Message):

Guinevere says she's in the waiting room!

18:14:36 From William Abrahamson to Everyone:

wabrahamson@gmail.com

18:17:25 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

This crosswalk <https://maps.app.goo.gl/cHYGMxeBKcFW93Su7>

18:29:48 From Guinevere Higgins (she/her) to Everyone:

foxgloveg@gmail.com

18:31:48 From James Van Vranken (he/him) to Everyone:

<https://www.charlottesville.gov/FormCenter/Public-Works-5/Bicycle-and-Pedestrian-Incident-Report-142>

18:33:50 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

Please also look at <https://closealldatabase.com/>

18:34:42 From Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville to Everyone:

<https://www.charlottesville.gov/formcenter/public-works-5/bicycle-and-pedestrian-close-call-report-142>

18:35:22 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

Wait, those two city forms are different! Why?

18:35:33 From Peter Ohlms to Everyone:

I will not hear the answer because I must go. Thanks all!

18:36:01 From Herb Levy to Everyone:

I have a cold and am fading so I'm going to sign off. Can we add an item to the next agenda about meeting in person?