



Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

BPAC Regular Meeting Summary

April 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

NAME	REPRESENTATION
James Allen (JA)	Vice Chair, Orange County
Katie Jones (KJ)	Chair, At-Large
Chip Thrasher (CT)	City
Beth Bell (BB)	City
Josh Johnson (JJ)	City
Erik MacIntosh (EM)	Alamance County
Mitchell Pinsky (MP)	City Planner
Ashley Ownbey (AO)	Ashley Ownbey

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting started at approximately 6:03 PM.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION, ERIK MACINTOSH

KJ transitioned to the New Member Introduction for Erik MacIntosh.

EM introduced himself and talked about why he joined the BPAC. Everyone present at the meeting then introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MP transitioned to the public comment,¹ which MP had sent to the BPAC Members prior to the meeting.

¹ The public comment was the following:

“Hi James,

It was a pleasure meeting you at the festival earlier. Thank you for providing information regarding the biking infrastructure in Mebane.

As we discussed, we recently moved to the area and would like to utilize bicycles for transportation. We live south of I-40 along Old Hillsborough Road, but there is currently no safe way to travel by bike.

Could the city consider building additional bike lanes and potentially a bridge across the highway in the future?

Greetings,
Karin and Michael Bless”



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MP read off the public comment. MP moved to discussion about the public comment.

BB said that two people had asked her about whether or not something was going to be built south of I-40. JA talked about his interaction at the Dogwood Festival with the couple who submitted the public comment, including their Mebane involvements and eagerness to be involved and the developments between Mebane Oaks Road and Old Hillsborough Road. KJ added that a lot of people at the Dogwood Festival asked her about bike lanes.

JA stated that the most effective way for the public to get involved is through submitting public comments.

KJ proposed that effective community advocacy and mobilization be a topic of discussion at the BPAC Retreat. KJ proposed utilizing the City's mapping system to show what the potential future bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure would look like. AO responded that the Planning Department had been working on a map like that of which JA described.

JA and KJ briefly discussed public-private partnerships in the U.S.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 23, 2026, MEETING SUMMARY

MP moved to the approval of the March 23, 2026 meeting summary.

KJ got a count of who was present at the last meeting.

The meeting minutes were approved 5-0.

DOGWOOD FESTIVAL RECAP/ARTISTIC BIKE RACK COMPETITION²

MP transitioned to the Dogwood Festival Recap.

MP asked JA if the sticky notes from the Dogwood Festival were related to the Artistic Bike Rack. JA and KJ responded that they were a combination of comments and doodles³.

KJ went through each of the doodles and described them. MP and KJ added that the general comments would be discussed after the doodles.

KJ described doodle 1 as a bike rack with books on top of it.

² Dogwood Festival Recap and Artistic Bike Rack Competition agenda items were added together to best reflect conversation flow.

³ The doodles refer to the ideas that the public gave for the Artistic Bike Rack design.



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KJ described doodle 2 as a loop-de-loop. CT commented that the loop-de-loop is an actual bike rack design.

KJ described doodle 3 as a suggestion for incorporating Mebane colors into the bike rack.

KJ described doodle 4 as two big loops and then smaller loops, with the smaller loops being the bike rack for the kids' bikes.

KJ described doodle 5 as little road, with it having a typical road design as the art. KJ then suggested making the design a greenway with little bikes and people on it.

KJ described doodle 6 as a giant eagle, which represented the mascot of Eastern Alamance High School. KJ, BB, and CT discussed KJ's suggestion of including a stallion in the design.

KJ described doodle 7 as a portal to Spain.

KJ described doodle 8 as a design that says "Mebane."

KJ described doodle 9 as a loop-de-loop.

KJ asked the BPAC members if they wanted to narrow down the potential options. MP added that the BPAC will want to be mindful of budget when narrowing down the choices. JA added that another thing he wanted the BPAC to consider was space limitations.

KJ described doodle 10 as leaf flower thing. KJ added that welding would likely need to occur for that design to happen. CT added that he recalled the design was shaped like a vine.

KJ asked about the budget constraints and asked how they can put forth an idea that stays within budget. JA said he liked the idea of doing a loop-de-loop design with the Mebane "M." JA added that the artistic part would be creating the "M" part. KJ asked if the "M" would be non-functional and JA responded that it could be, but that it is not conducive to art. CT proposed getting a standard design and then just drawing on it. KJ added that we would need to make sure the paint was non-temporary. CT asked Staff if that would be possible, with AO answering that Staff would need to talk to Public Works about it and suggested picking out a couple of ideas so that the City could get price quotes from a welder. JA added that most were powder-coated.

MP suggested deciding on a design and then painting the bike rack, and then asked AO her thoughts. AO suggested talking with a welder first. CT shared that he was inclined towards a loop-de-loop or a bumpy design, or the Mebane "M." CT and JA discussed Mebane "M" design and the design ideas.



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CT asked about what year the discretionary funding would come out of, with AO answering next fiscal year. KJ asked if we commissioning an artist would fall under the discretionary budget, and AO responded that it would. KJ, JA, and AO discussed outreach to artists and cost of the bicycle rack by the library.

MP confirmed that the bike rack design was a loop-de-loop with the Mebane "M", and suggested that the BPAC narrow down 3 different designs so that Staff could speak with a welder. CT suggested coming up with 2 shapes of the bike rack, and 2 paint designs. MP asked someone to illustrate the design idea, with JA doing the illustration. AO and KJ talked about artwork that was located in pocket parks throughout the City.

KJ read through the comments that were left at the Dogwood Festival Booth. The first comment was a request for a Seniors Community Bike Ride, with AO, KJ, BB, and JA discussing partnering with MebFit.

JA shared his design illustration. CT suggested getting the price for 2 options and getting a price on both options, with the BPAC and AO talking about the 2 designs further, including having a painting design of different people on a greenway on different modes of transportation, and getting price estimates for the designs.

MP summarized the 2 design ideas and 2 paint ideas. KJ suggested getting functional materials that were already fitted to be a bike rack. MP then continued by suggesting to get price estimates for the bike rack base and then to come up with different ideas for the painting itself. CT, JA, MP, and KJ then discussed the logistics and process of creating and painting the bike rack.

MP asked the BPAC if they wanted to have the public vote on the bike rack design ideas. KJ responded that they should finalize the feasibility of the designs first. KJ, AO, and JA then discussed different places where the bike rack would be created. JA suggested creating a painted pad with a greenway and sidewalk design to emphasize that Mebane is multimodal, with JA, MP, CT, AO, EM, and KJ discussing, including other places where JA's idea was implemented and the longevity of JA's idea.

MP outlined the 2 bike rack base designs of the Mebane "M" and the standard loop-de-loop bike rack with the multimodal design idea under it. MP and AO discussed getting quotes for the paint jobs. MP summarized the follow-up items with JA, AO, KJ, EM, and CT discussing them, including how to digitally get the design, cost and installation of the bike racks.

SHORT FILM FOR BIKE MONTH

KJ transitioned to the short film for bike month that had discussed at the last BPAC Meeting.



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KJ said that the proposed movie would not be appropriate for kids. CT proposed that instead of the City putting it forward, that he had a contact over at a local tea shop that could show the movie and put on the event. MP said that he would connect CT with the filmmaker and that the BPAC wouldn't be sponsoring an event with the movie.

MP asked if anyone had any other comments, questions, or share outs from Dogwood Festival, as well as if anyone signed up for the Community Interest Form. KJ, JA, and CT explained that no one did due to Alamance Parks being at the BPAC booth, as well as discussed reception to the Mebane Activity Challenge.

CT asked if QR codes had been put up for the Mebane Activity Challenge, with AO responding that they hadn't been yet to make sure signs are put up properly. CT asked if Staff would place the signs or if they needed any help, with AO responding that Staff would put them up and MP adding that the BPAC members could help if they wanted to.

KJ read aloud a comment saying a park south of I-40 is needed, with CT providing further commentary on how the person who wrote the comment wanted trails as part of the park. JA asked if there was any property south of Mebane Oaks Road that the park could be, with AO outlining the City's efforts to purchase land for a park, as well as what a future park may look like. JA asked how much land the City had for the land near the future fire station, and AO answered by outlined what future development would look like in the future. CT thanked AO for the City's efforts to purchase my parkland.

KJ read aloud and CT discussed another comment that talked about a complaint for a City to request a sidewalk repair. AO asked if CT had an address, with CT responding yes.

KJ read aloud the last comment that asked for more mountain biking trails. JA and JJ then discussed ongoing and past efforts for more mountain biking trails in the area.

MP asked if anyone had anymore comments or questions, with no one responding.

MEBANE VISION ZERO WORKING GROUP UPDATES

MP transitioned to Mebane Vision Zero Working Group Updates.

MP described the makeup of the Mebane Vision Zero Working Group members.

MP discussed the Mebane Vision Zero Working Group Safety Video campaign that is being worked on, including the different focus areas and laws that will be focused on. KJ asked if drivers would be part of the messaging, with MP responding that it had not come up yet. KJ discussed the importance of reaching out to drivers. MP added that if drivers were to be included, then



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volunteers would be needed. Some of the BPAC members volunteered.⁴ MP added that he was meeting with the rest of the Mebane Vision Zero Working Group and the City's Public Information Officer this week to discuss the video and would mention the BPAC's idea about adding drivers. EM made a remark about pedestrian crosswalks.

MP outlined the Mebane PD enforcement efforts around DUIs and the meeting schedule for the Mebane Vision Zero Working Group.

MP then asked if anyone had any questions or comments, with KJ saying it sounded exciting and CT requesting notification of when volunteers are needed. MP added that he would let the BPAC members know when volunteers were needed.

SPRING/SUMMER EVENT PLANNING

MP transitioned to the spring/summer event planning, with the first event being the Mebane Activity Challenge.

KJ asked AO what was needed for the Mebane Activity Challenge at the Dogwood Festival BPAC Booth. AO said that if there were any promotions that were needed. KJ, AO, MP, and CT discussed the social media posts, including those that CT had created. MP added that once everything is finalized for the Mebane Activity Challenge, that he could send out an email to the community contact list Staff has. KJ requested that Staff send out an email to the community contact list about the Bike Rodeo as well.

AO transitioned to the Lake Michael Clean-Up that was scheduled for May 2nd. CT mentioned that he had emailed Cy about it. AO said that Lake Michael was not open to the public yet. JA, MP, KJ, AO, and CT then discussed the status of the opening of Lake Michael, as well as the possibility of still having the event occur and an email to Recreation and Parks about opening Lake Michael.

AO transitioned to the Bike Rodeo.

AO asked the BPAC members what time the Community Bike Ride at the Bike Rodeo was scheduled to start at, to which KJ responded 10:00. AO asked if there would be enough volunteers for the Bike Rodeo and Community Bike Ride. KJ answered that there generally is enough foot traffic and asked who could attend the Bike Rodeo, with some BPAC Members responding. KJ asked JA if he thought a police escort was needed for the Community Bike Ride, with JA responding no and MP mentioning that Mebane PD would be able to provide escort via police bicycle.

⁴ JJ left the meeting at this time.



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MP brought up finalizing the Community Bike Ride route, with KJ, AO, and JA discussing the route.

KJ recapped the police escort, with MP saying he would sent over the route to Mebane PD. KJ said as long as there is a police escort in the rear then it would be good. AO said that Mebane PD usually do the obstacle course and registering bikes, with KJ adding there was a shortage of Mebane PD volunteers at the Bike Rodeo last year.

MP asked if the wanted to have the Bike Rodeo and Community Bike Ride advertised together. AO responded social media wise that it would be better to advertise them together, but that the City has Bike Rodeo yard signs out. KJ added it is important to specify when the Community Bike Ride is when advertising the Bike Rodeo to prevent any confusion. KJ said that she already sent the flyer to the principal at South Mebane Elementary.

KJ asked if the flyer included the latest version of the Community Bike Ride, with MP saying no and AO saying that the flyer could be updated.

AO added that she had not received a call back from the BMX company that offered to do a show at the Bike Rodeo. KJ, AO, and JA talked about the logistics of a potential BMX show.

KJ confirmed the time and dates for the Bike Rodeo and Community Bike Ride on May 9th, at 9AM and 10AM respectively. MP, AO, JA, and KJ then discussed logistics for the Mebane PD, as well as the route for the event.

EM asked if there were any volunteer roles for the Bike Rodeo, with KJ and JA outlining the different volunteer roles that have been done in past years, the coordination of supplies, and what roles everyone would be done this year.

KJ asked if there would be any free helmets from Mebane PD, with AO answering that she did not include any on the social media flyers and that we would see how many helmets Mebane PD brings to the event. KJ added that if helmets are brought, then Mebane PD will fit them, and that Mebane PD would register bikes.

MP asked if there were any materials that were needed from staff, with JA answering stickers were needed. MP added that he would coordinate the pickup of the stickers and extra trail maps.

JA confirmed the Community Bike Ride length.

KJ transitioned to the June 13th Community Bike Ride that was being held in conjunction with the Mebane Juneteenth event, and confirmed the location of the Juneteenth event.



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AO brought up the purchasing deadline and how promotional materials would need to be purchased by then. The BPAC and AO discussed the and route start time for the Community Bike Ride.

KJ added her concerns about the presence of traffic for the event and JA suggested the American Legion Parking Lot as the starting place for the route, with AO, MP, JA, KJ, and CT deciding on the American Legion parking lot and EM Yoder Elementary School as the options for a starting place.

MP confirmed the potential starting points and clarified the start time as 10AM. KJ suggested 10AM, but then EM suggested 10:30AM, with 10:30 AM being decided on as the start time.

MP added that Staff would get started on the materials and asked if they wanted a digital flyer, with KJ answering yes. MP suggested printing off 5 physical flyers, and locations for them. MP, KJ, CT, and AO discussed different locations to put the physical flyers. EM suggested creating a vinyl banner, with KJ, EM, JA, and AO discussing EM's idea briefly, including AO highlighting how the City already has a GPS system.

KJ transitioned to the BPAC Retreat.

AO said that usually the BPAC would cancel the May, June, and July meetings, with KJ suggesting cancelling those meetings.

MP explained what the BPAC Retreat entails to EM. JA gave suggestions for a speaker. KJ and CT both added some potential specific speakers, which MP asked to have shared with him.

KJ brought up selecting a date for the BPAC Retreat, with AO suggesting having the BPAC Retreat in July to ensure food can be purchased due to the purchasing deadline. The BPAC and MP discussed potential dates for the BPAC Retreat, with July 26th being decided on.

MP asked where the BPAC Retreat would be held this year, with AO answering that it would be held where the BPAC Meetings are typically held.

JA added that he had a bike race on July 26th at 7AM. MP suggested having the BPAC Retreat on a Saturday instead. After further conversation, the BPAC decided on Saturday, July 12th. MP confirmed the date and asked the BPAC what time they would like to have the BPAC Retreat be held at, with 10AM being the time that was decided on. MP said that he would email JJ and Ryan Sheehy to see if that time and date worked for them.

MP asked the BPAC if they wanted to cancel the May, June, and July meetings, with the Mebane SafetyTown being the only reason that would be needed to meet. AO and KJ briefly discussed the SafetyTown logistics. KJ said that there were no issues last year with canceling the May, June, and



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July meetings. CT asked if we would need to know to cancel the meetings now, with MP projecting potential meeting agendas. CT suggested cancelling the May, June, and July meetings, with that being the final decision.

KJ asked if the BPAC Retreat was public, with AO responding yes but that it wouldn't be livestreamed.

AO outlined the potential agenda items for the BPAC Retreat, which included bridging the gap between pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers, community advocacy, updating the 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Plan to include some bicycle corridors, and the artistic bike rack competition. AO then asked if there were any other topics they would like to be included. JA suggested outreach and advocacy, to which KJ agreed.

CT added that he was doing a bike ride every Monday.

NEW AND ONGOING BUSINESS

KJ transitioned to new and ongoing business.

MP said that there were no new grant updates. AO added that for the NCDOT Call for Safety Projects Grant, NCDOT asked to have the City Manager write something. MP, JA, AO, and KJ discussed the different projects that were submitted for the grants the City had applied for.

MP transitioned to CT's BPAC Retreat agenda suggestion of Monday bike rides. CT mentioned he was having issues with his City email, with KJ said she did as well. MP said he would follow up with IT on the issues.

CT outlined his suggestion of doing bike rides from the Mebane Arts and Community Center, and then going to a coffee shop every Monday morning. KJ asked how long the rides are and CT answered 2 hours. CT and KJ continued to discuss CT's suggestion, including the logistics of it.

KJ and MP discussed KJ's issue with her City email account.

MP asked if there were any last issues. AO added that she had a question about a discretionary fund purchase about the curb cut, and said that there were not enough discretionary funds from last year to purchase the signs. AO asked whether the sharrows or signs were a priority over the curb cut. JA asked how much over budget the sharrows were, with AO answering \$11,000. AO, JA, and KJ discussed the pricing for the curb cut, sharrows and signs, as well as the logistics for the placement of the sharrows, and safety considerations for the curb cut.

ADJOURNMENT



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KJ transitioned to adjournment and asked if anyone had any other topics, with no one having any other topics to discuss.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:38 p.m.

Meeting summary prepared by Mitchell Pinsky, City Planner.