



# Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission

Meeting Summary  
February 24, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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NAME	REPRESENTATION
Rebecca Brouwer (RB)	City
Matt Engwall (ME)	City
Andy Lynch (AL)	Alamance County ETJ
Chelsey Morrison (CM)	Orange County
Patty Philipps (PDP)	City Council Delegate
Sylvia Sichi (SS)	City
Aaron Davis (AD)	Recreation & Parks Director
Wayne Pore (WP)	Public Works Director

*Sarah Elder had an excused absence*

## **SWEARING OF OFFICIALS**

Mebane City Clerk Stephanie Shaw swore/affirmed all BPAC appointees present at the meeting, as now required by North Carolina state law.

## **APPROVAL OF January 27, 2020, MEETING SUMMARY**

PDP moved to approve the minutes

SS seconded the motion.

A unanimous vote supported the motion.

ME introduced himself to the BPAC. He is a longtime Mebane resident and an experienced cyclist who is involved with Triangle Cyclists.

## **PAVING SCHEDULE & BPAC RECOMMENDATIONS**

CS & WP review the draft paving schedule supplied by Mark Reich of Alley, Williams, Carmen, & King (attached). It identifies if the Bik/Ped Plan recommends striping improvements for streets scheduled for repaving.

PDP asked that sidewalk improvements be identified in this analysis in the future.

CM asked about the presence of sidewalks on North Second Street and staff confirmed that there is a sidewalk gap between Graham and Crawford Streets.



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PDP noted that the stop signs on Second Street at the Ruffin and Crawford Street intersections was intended to calm traffic as it approached Downtown

WP felt that the single ownership of the Second/Crawford block by People's Church afforded a great opportunity for a capital improvement

BPAC noted that it could also tie into the existing sidewalk on Charles Street and connect E.M. Yoder Elementary School to a more extensive sidewalk network

ME moved to recommend delaying the repaving of North Second Streets and West Crawford Streets in favor of prioritizing a pedestrian design project that could be constructed at the same time as repaving.

SS seconded the motion

Unanimous vote in favor

The BPAC discussed the recommendation in the Bike/Ped Plan for a sidewalk on Brown Street, which is a narrow street with no curb and gutter. The consensus is that the street is not very safe for bicycling or running; is paralleled by other routes that are safe; and will not deliver much value for the investment. They did not feel that repaving should be delayed and, rather, that the adopted Plan should likely be amended to delete this infrastructure recommendation.

The BPAC noted its appreciation to WP and the Public Works Department. They asked him to return in the summer after the budget is approved to discussing new striping and stenciling projects in the City.

## **BIKE RODEO**

Chief Caldwell was not initially contacted about organizing the bike rodeo but he has tentatively committed his staff to supporting it.

The BPAC will provide support and promotion resources but not host the Bike Rodeo.

## **ANNUAL REPORT & WORK PLAN**

The BPAC gave the following feedback on the drafted plan:



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- Feature all projects completed and projects submitted to NCDOT for funding via prioritization program (SPOT)
- Discuss why projects were prioritized by the BPAC
- Make sure there is followup on projects identified in last year's Plan
- What other programs is the BPAC working on to serve its stated mission?
- PDP proposed moving Projects to being the #1 Objective
  - o AL noted that the BPAC has four P's: Programs, Projects, Policies, & Promotion

## **ANNUAL REPORT & WORK PLAN**

PDP will update the City Council on the BPAC's activities at the coming meeting Monday

RB & AL will plan on presenting the Council at their June 1 meeting

SS would like to have the Bike Awareness campaign in May, which National Bike Month. The flyer campaign is great but pushing it out through other media would be ideal, including handing out yard signs at the Dogwood Festival in April. She has drafted designs for the BPAC to review.

RB will circulate the signs to the BPAC for a vote.

The City will pay for the final sign designs and printing.

The BPAC discussed the signs and prioritized those that had effective messaging and could be easily read by a motorist

CS will consult the adopted style guide to determine how closely the signs need to adhere to the City's adopting branding

SS recommended using the hashtags #mebanebikes and #sharetheroad on the signs for social media purposes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

*Meeting summary by Cy Stober, City of Mebane Development Director*