

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting

February 19, 2013

Music City Central / MTA Meeting Room

BPAC Member Attendees in attendance: Brian Wray, Debbie Thurman, Dov Hirsch, Edwin Williamson, Freddie O'Connell, John Harkey, John Norris, Kim Hawkins, Peter Westerholm, Keith Rawls, Rob Laird, Tony Saunders, Russ Willis, Tom Grooms, CHaz Irvin, Amy Eskind. Kristine Mylls submitted an excused absence.

1. Chair Kim Hawkins called the meeting to order with a welcome to all and a thank you to Debbie Thurman for her leadership as previous chair.
2. Minutes of the December 2012 Meeting were approved (motion by John Norris, second by Edwin Williamson).
3. Nominations were made for Vice-Chair, John Harkey was nominated with a motion by Edwin Williamson, seconded by Tom Grooms and unanimous approved. Kristine Mylls was nominated to continue as secretary and unanimously approved.
4. Dates for 2013 BPAC formal meetings were reviewed and will continue the every other month, third Tuesday. Dates are April 16, June 18, August 20, October 15 and December 17. The June meeting may shift to a Saturday morning for the annual BPAC retreat. A BPAC member only work session is scheduled for March 19, 4-6 pm.
5. Department Updates were sent by all departments prior to the meeting for review by the committee. Laurel added an update from Metro Water Services (MWS) and indicated that they would like to present at the next BPAC meeting to establish priorities.
 - a. Keith Rawls was asked to provide additional details of the initial B-Cycle use. To date there have been no thefts. Problems reported have been related to rate structure misunderstanding and getting a good check in into the racks. A Spring relaunch is scheduled for March 8.
 - b. Metro Police and Metro Public Works (MPW) collaborated on providing additional info related to crash detail. Metro Police will add a column for alcohol-related incidents; MPW has researched and added existing sidewalk information and existing crosswalk info, MPW will add whether a crosswalk would be warranted at the location of the incident. This information will help us to track accident information on a regular basis.
 - c. MPW will work to provide sidewalk and bikeway addition information in GIS format. Metro Planning said that they could enter the connectivity study data into the GIS to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the entire system for the BPAC.
 - d. MPW requested that the BPAC provide additional input for the update for the Bike/Ped Master Plan. They would like to receive info on additional criteria and concepts to consider and for any specific areas/projects that the BPAC feels needs to be addressed. BPAC will include discussion for this in a March work session. SRTS was suggested as a critical principle.
 - e. A big thank you to Metro Planning for providing a link to all BPAC members for access the Bike/Ped plan in the GIS viewer in order to have access to this information in an interactive way. This should prove a very helpful tool as we

continue to assess and improve our system. Link:

<http://maps.nashville.gov/bpakviewer>

6. Mountain Bike Trails Update: Brian Wray provided an update for mountain bike trails. 4 miles have been added at Cane Ridge and 9.5 miles are being added at Warner Parks. Warner Parks trails resulted after meetings with advocates and Parks and those trails have been flagged, will have a connector to the Music City Bikeway and are anticipated to be opening in July. Brian will provide a pdf for record information.
7. Bike Month Events: Bike to Work Day is scheduled for Friday, May 17; the Tour de Nash is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 by Walk Bike Nashville. WBN is hoping for a Tour de Nash of at least 1200 people this year.
8. Ciclovía: Peter Westerholm offered a presentation on Ciclovías – their origin and U.S. Cities where they are in place (20 cities). The Mayor and BPAC have expressed much interest in having a Ciclovía bike event this year. One potential is to have the KVB opening (in mid-April) as a ciclovía but to also plan an event during Bike Month, or to make it a regular seasonal event. Potential location(s) and dates will get more discussion during the work session. Nashville Bike Alliance has expressed interest in assisting with this process. Laurel indicated that typically, an event like this would include much community support with the BPAC supporting the effort, not necessarily running it. Cost for street closures and organization of activities is needed.
9. Mayor/BPAC/BFC corollary goals: Corollary Goals were reviewed (see spreadsheet) for provide a way to identify and prioritize goals. Items such as MPW interaction and Police crash data were noted in the Dept Reports. SRTS focus is related to the MPW interaction as well as advocacy and education. Additional goals discussed and identified for the work session were Ciclovía, Bike Summit (2013 Bike Summit has been scheduled, will focus on 2014 Bike Summit in Nashville); protected/buffered bike lanes as pilots, lower speed limits for neighborhood streets and increasing police enforcement.
10. Full time Bike /Ped Coordinator was a primary goal of the BPAC. A motion was made that the BPAC Chair and Vice-Chair author a letter to the Mayor outlining the need for a FT Bike/Ped Coordinator and to make every effort to get this included in the next fiscal year. For that to happen, the letter would need to be submitted in early March. Motion made by John Norris and seconded by Tom Grooms and unanimously approved.
11. MPW Director Meeting: Laurel will schedule a meeting for BPAC Chair with MPW. Agenda for this meeting were discussed to include: impact of Complete Streets on the ROW planning process, lower speed limit in neighborhoods, intersection safety (pedestrian bulbs, crosswalks), GIS availability of data reporting, receiving Traffic and Parking Commission agendas prior to the meeting and being alerted to B/P issues and being informed earlier in the process for projects with B/P implications.
12. Given the goals and the energy of the BPAC, a work session was scheduled for BPAC members only on March 19 from 4-6 pm. Items to be covered and discussed in this session: Ciclovía (with ideas for location(s) and organization; MPW feedback on criteria and locations, Pilot Buffered Bike Lanes (with ideas for locations and criteria), enforcement/advocacy activities, bike related classes (options and initial scheduling).
13. The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm.
14. Laurel will be distributing digital information to all BPAC to include by-laws, BFC application and feedback and roster.

Submitted by Kim Hawkins