

## **Arlington Bike Advisory Committee**

### **May 5, 2014 Meeting**

2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201

Jakob Wolf-Barnett, Steve Appel, Cory Bilton, Ed Blanton, Dana Bres, Gillian Burgess, Dan Fisk, Eric Goodman, Mike Hanna, Dwight Hlustick, Cynthia Palmer, Jim Pressworod, Tim Rosato, Chris Slatt, Rich Tepel

David Goodman, Dave Kirschner, David Patton, Kevin Stalica

Visitors: William Fuchs, Douglas Parks

### **General**

### **Staff Updates and Questions**

### **BikeArlington Update (provided by Tim Kelley in advance)**

Bike Outreach Coordinator – Jakob Wolf-Barnett introduced Erin Potter, the new outreach coordinator for Bike Arlington.

Jakob Wolf-Barnett discussed our asks for the ACPD (police on trail; officer at intersection at Lee/Lynn on BTWD; police at the BA/ABAC booth at BTWD; data on the number of citations of cyclists, and planning for the three foot rule).

They would support BTWD. They will do training for the three foot rule.

Discussion of the extent and frequency of the police patrols. Several attendees indicated that they would be willing to assist in some form with trail “patrols”. Kevin indicated that the Parks and Rec had a volunteer coordinator and he was willing to discuss the potential for citizen patrols of the trails.

Snow clearing on bike trails. Jakob indicated that the BAC and the cycling community had been successful in developing the support for the allocation of money for snow clearing. Kevin indicated that the staff would probably plow the trails and contractors would backfill for the staff who would be shifted to the trails. The NVRPA indicated that they did not want the W&OD. Kevin did indicate that the NVRPA would clear the trails in Arlington County first. Kevin indicated he had a memo on that topic from the NVRPA.

David Patton said that they had reached out to WMATA to address bike parking at the East Falls Church Metro station. WMATA responded

Chris Slatt discussed the potential for retiming the signals at Lee and Lynn. David Kirschner indicated that the computer models show that cars and peds could share the crossing where in fact the volume of cyclists and pedestrians prevent motorists from turning from the off ramp from 110 and I-66. DK indicated that there would be some technical issues with altering the timing on the lights.

David Goodman reported the W&OD trail connection between the trail and Carlin Springs Road will go into construction this summer.

Arlington County has \$100K dedicated to trail paving on the Custis, between George Mason and Glebe. The paving will be done this summer.

The BikeArlington/WalkArlington budgets were reduced by about \$400K this year (this is the money from the decal fee). Usually, they get about \$1,000 to \$1,200K and that was reduced to \$800K. The cap construction was reduced, Wayfinding signs was reduced to \$40K, CaBi new stations and expansions was reduced to \$300K. David Goodman indicated that this wouldn't likely impact BikeArlington operations.

David Goodman reported that the original plan for the decal fee was for improvements for the ped and cyclist improvements. JWB asked if it would make sense to send a letter to the County Manager expressing concern for the decision to reduce the bike/ped funding from the decal fee.

David Patton reported Arlington County received a Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant for Army Navy CC, FLAP grant for BikeShare in support of the MVT, and a ramp at FMR in Potomac Yards.

Route 110 trail project was left in limbo when Thomas Sheffer left the NPS. A new project manager has been appointed.

As part of the FMR rehab efforts, there will be some staging of equipment necessary to help rehabilitate the FMR stream bed

David Goodman reports that they continue to study the bike boulevards paralleling Columbia Pike

David Kirschner reports that the South Eads Street rehab will have a pilot project and then a longer term project. There will be a community meeting on 21 May at the Aurora Highlands community center. The pilot project will be shooting for a Fall 2014 implementation.

Chris Slatt got updates on the Arlington Blvd trail. The bike trails will be completed in the summer of 2014. He reports that there will be some improvements to the FMR trail behind the Berkley apartments near the Giant on Glebe and Mount Vernon.

Jakob Wolf-Barnett indicated that his term of service would expire in August and he would not be seeking reelection. We should plan for elections during the July meeting.

The APS was hiring a new transportation director and the individual offered the position declined the offer. It appears that they will have to restart the search.