

Arlington Bike Advisory Committee
August 4, 2014 Meeting
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201

Gillian Burgess, Megan Jones, Steve Appel, Cory Bilton, Mark Blacknell, Ed Blanton, Dana Bres, Henry Dunbar, Eric Goodman, Mike Hanna, Dwight Hlustick, Steve Offutt, Cynthia Palmer, Allan Reiter, Chris Slatt

Chris Eatough, David Goodman, David Patton, Erin Potter

Visitors: William Fuchs, Sue Fuchs, John Vihstadt (Arlington County Board)

New member welcome

Megan Jones called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves and offer a couple of reasons why they participate.

John Vihstadt introduced himself and said that he was working to meet with all the Arlington County boards, commissions and advisory panels. He said that it was important for the County to work on the issue of complete streets and urged the BAC to participate. Dwight Hlustick is a member of the complete streets committee. He asked about the snow clearing planning and program in the County. Steve Offutt said that the county should treat some of the bike trails as transportation corridors with respect to trail clearing. Mr. Vihstadt asked about the trail clearing policies for the WO&D and MVT. David Patton indicated that they were coordinate

Lighting on trails was discussed. Mr. Vihstadt asked if the problem was the number of lights or the maintenance. The general consensus was that the priority should go to maintenance initially.

Mr. Vihstadt asked about the engagement of the Arlington County Public Schools on walking and biking to school. Comments were generally positive but the comments said the individual principals have a great deal of autonomy and would set the tone for whether the school was bike friendly.

Asked about police presence on the trails. The members of the BAC suggested that the ACPD patrols the trails but it is done episodically as time permits.

Mr. Vihstadt asked about the perception that some peds had been somewhat intimidated by cyclists while on sidewalks and trails. There was immediate pushback about the stereotype of cyclists and the members of the BAC suggested one of the purposes of the BAC and BikeArlington was to encourage cycling in Arlington and to encourage cyclists to ride safely and responsibly.

Mr. Vihstadt asked about BikeShare. Chris Slatt said that Arlington County needs to balance the development of CaBi and other bike infrastructure development

BikeArlington Update (submitted in advance by Erin Potter)

The **Arlington County Fair** is this weekend! Check out the free bike valet or help BikeArlington do outreach by volunteering: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054babad23a4f94-volunteer>

Virginia's new **3ft passing law** is in effect. More info on our site here: <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/pal-safety-on-our-streets/virginias-3-foot-passing-law/>

Bike Commuter photo raffle was great! We received about 180 submissions including a few first time commuters. Check out the photos here: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.657261997675653.1073741862.205971902804667&type=3>

We're part of a team working on Hispanic outreach around biking, with the first focus being on Capital Bikeshare. These events are being called "**Capital Bikeshare Fiestas**" and the first one was last Saturday at Pollo Rico and it went really well. Also, Capital Bikeshare materials are now available in Spanish!

Registration for **fall bike education courses** is now open for our Learn to Ride and City Cycling Classes- tell everybody! <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/bike-education/>

Chris Eatough is moving on from BikeArlington [:(] and the team is looking to see who can fill his shoes: http://bikearlington.com/tasks/sites/bike/assets/File/FY_15_Job_Description_Director_of_Programs_CB_BA_and_WA.pdf

You're all into helping shape the transit vision for Arlington, and now you've got a chance to influence the whole state! **Take the VTrans survey online** and be sure to use the "other" field when there's no option for biking! <https://www.research.net/s/vtrans>
See you all soon!

Presentation/Comments/Q&A: Valerie Mosley, Capitol Projects Manager re: W&OD/Custis trail crossings – She discussed changes to grade crossings along the Custis at Oak W&OD at Geo Mason Drive, at the entrance to the Barcroft Park and Sports Complex and at South Oakland.

Update on ACPD

Cory discussed his efforts to coordinate with the ACPD for a site visit to the Lynn-Lee intersection. He indicated that there was some traction for that visit and it would occur in September

There was a recent incident between a motorist and a cyclist who was in the bike lane. The cyclist was riding along Clarendon Blvd and was struck by a motorist turning right off Clarendon onto 17th. The cyclist was cited and the police indicated they felt that the bike lanes were not considered a travel lane.

Megan discussed the September meeting that will be at some date to be determined.

Mark Blacknell nominated Gillian Burgess to be Chair of the BAC. She was approved by unanimous vote

Megan Jones was nominated to be Vice Chair and was unanimously approved by voice vote.

David Goodman provided an update on the Wilson Blvd road diet. The plan will be to implement the road diet in the fall when the road will be repaved.

David Patton will be attending a meeting in Richmond of the Virginia Bike and Ped Committee.

David Patton got permits to install counters at the foot of the 14th Street Bridge