

**Arlington Bike Advisory Committee  
2 March 2015 Meeting  
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201**

*Gillian Burgess, Megan Jones, Cory Bilton, Mark Blacknell, Dana Bres, William Fuchs, Dwight Hlustick, Steve Offutt, Cynthia Palmer, Chris Slatt, Randy Swart,*

*David Goodman, David Patton, Erin Potter, Kevin Stalica*

**Guests**

*SGT Matt Owens (ACPD), CPT Dave Dailey (ACPD), Justin Corwin (DES), Prasad Pulaguntla (DES/DOT), Collin Weber (North Highlands), Jeff Anderson (Fairfax), Steve Waleryszak (Courthouse), Moira Muccio Secrest (Ashton Heights)*

**Call to Order**

**Introductions**

**Approve minutes** *January and February 2015 notes were approved*

*ACPD (CPT Dailey and SGT Owens)*

*SGT Owens answered a number of questions that had been submitted earlier*

*In a discussion of the illuminated No Right Turn on Red sign installed at the intersection of Lynn and Lee, it was mentioned that the no right on red light is technically not a highway sign so they cannot actually enforce violations. To make the sign enforceable, the sign may need to meet a number of criteria. SGT Owens suggested we take that up with Arlington County Traffic Engineering. The sign is in use only during the periods of high cyclist use. Steve Offutt asked if Arlington County TE knew the lighted sign was not enforceable when it was installed. **Post-meeting note: There appears to have been additional consideration of the sign following the meeting.***

*Gillian Burgess indicated that using accident data to identify locations is often counterproductive as cyclists as*

*SGT Owens indicated that the Arlington County parking enforcement aides were empowered and instructed to enforce the parking restrictions.*

*According to CPT Dailey, bike lanes are for the exclusive use bikes. Cars cannot park in a lane nor are they allowed to travel in a bike lane.*

*CPT Dailey indicated that if there was a recurring problem with shuttle busses, the commanders of the police districts would generally be asked to work the issue.*

*SGT Owens asked for help with an event on 24 March to encourage pedestrian safety. He asked for help from cyclists as part of the effort.*

*There was discussion of the specific requirements for what the walk signals meant, specifically the flashing hand.*

*Arlington County vehicles: training and equipment (Justin Corwin) – Cynthia Palmer asked about equipping Arlington County with side underrun guards. Justin Corwin indicated that the guards seemed to be a good idea and agreed to look into getting the Arlington County fleet equipped.*

*Justin Corwin said that they were looking into installing a drive camera on Arlington County vehicles to help address near misses on county vehicles.*

*He said that the DES drivers (those that drive with Commercial Drivers Licenses) receive training. Drivers without CDLs are often somewhat more problematic. MB asked why Arlington County didn't have a common driving standard.*

*Justin said that they encourage Arlington County residents to call risk management with near misses. He would confirm the phone number and let us know.*

## **Budget (Gillian)**

*Gillian Burgess said that the Arlington County Manager released a proposed budget. The chairs of the County commissions were invited to provide input but the committees were not invited. The budget that is recommended does not include changes to the county bike and ped program. There were some optional cuts that would reduce the number of bike and ped planners from two to one and would reduce funding for Bike Arlington.*

*Gillian Burgess suggested that rather than reducing the amount of funding for bike and ped funding, we should be increasing the budget. This should include alternative trails that would allow cyclists to get around with the increased restrictions at Fort Myer.*

*CS suggested these cuts would help pay for funding shortfalls caused by increased enrollment in the school system.*

*The recommendation to reduce the contribution from the Decal Fee from the bike and ped program would result in the funds from the Decal Fee going into the Arlington County General Fund. The plan in 2011 that the Decal Fee program was that it would fund bike and ped programs.*

*Gillian Burgess proposed sending two letters to the County Manager. The group offered a number of suggestions.*

DP said that the Arlington County would be hearing testimony from the public on the evening of Tuesday, 24 March. Chris Slatt suggested members of the BAC should, as Arlington County residents, communicate our priorities to the County Board members.

## **Arlington County staff updates:**

### **Streets projects:**

*East Falls Church (Goodman) – in EFC Sycamore Street there is a Council of Governments project to redesign Sycamore Street to the 30% level. Steve Offutt asked if this project could include signal timing. Steve suggested that signal timing could improve the throughput of busses at the EFC WMATA station which would improve the speed for the riders.*

*Washington Blvd between Lee Highway and 25<sup>th</sup> Street. This might include a protected bike lane.*

*McKinley Road between Wilson and just north of I66. This might include pedestrian refuge and bike lanes. Project is currently in estimating. DES would present the options to the community.*

*Wilson Blvd PBL: There will be a PBL project from Nash Street to Courthouse on the uphill stretch or Wilson. First phase (due to paving plans) would run from Nash to Rhodes and the second phase would continue up the hill.*

*Cherrydale: They have a list of about 30 locations where rapid flash beacons would be appropriate. David Goodman suggested that the strategy would be to use a RRFB rather than an HAWK as the RRFB were less intrusive and cheaper.*

*W&OD trail crossing: At Lee Highway in EFC. They are continuing to do design work. The signals at that intersection and the other signal on the other side of I66 were old but with a planned upgrade will allow for independent operation. He said that there would be greater flexibility in signaling. He indicated that the sidewalk on the west side of Lee would be widened at that location.*

## **BikeArlington (Henry) – Submitted in advance**

### **BikeArlington February Updates**

#### **PAL Ambassadors Program Launched**

*Arlington's newest initiative to improve street safety (and have fun while doing it!) has been a great success so far, despite some chilly weather. And we'd love to have your help and collaboration on any of the street outreach block parties or fun pizza and planning parties. Join the Facebook group for the latest:* [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1524506764490426/?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1524506764490426/?ref=br_tf)

## **Modacity Casting Call Selections Posted**

Featuring the BAC's very own all-star, Gillian Burgess along with 5 other awesome Arlingtonians. Check out the teasers here: <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/news-events/blog/meet-the-cast/>

We also had two successful events at the Central Library. **Storytelling with BikeArlington & WABA's Women & Bicycles** was an awesome collaboration for an evening of sharing stories on the theme of "it seemed like a good idea at the time," and the women who came out had a great time. And we also had another sold out **Balaclavas & Baklava** event with folks of all ages making fun and fleecy winter bike gear. Check out the photo recap [here](#).

The **Mardi Gras Parade** with Clarendon Alliance was postponed—there is currently no date set for the rescheduled parade. We expect to hear shortly.

### **Capital Bikeshare Price Changes**

Public comment and input on the proposed price changes have been given and considered by the board. Expect a press release with final details in early March for changes proposed to go into effect for May 2015. All current members will be able to renew at the current price rate, regardless of when they last renewed. Also, look for Capital Bikeshare to remove the \$101 authorization hold placed on credit/debit cards used to purchase short term memberships at stations.

### **Eye of the Toolcat & ArlCo Parks & Rec Trail Clearing**

Between this video of the Toolcat [dramatically clearing](#) the Custis trail in epic slow-mo and taking home the "[Best Advocacy Win of 2014](#)" at WABA's Bicyclist Choice Awards, the hard work of advocates and the country to make good things happen has been getting a lot of love. [Learn more](#) about Arlington trail clearing efforts.

### **Fun upcoming March Events**

March 14: Pie Day Ride

With five stops for treats over an approachable 7-mile, on-street ride, this is a going to be a great ride to bring a friend new to biking. We'll be hitting local favorites and a few lesser known spots, too. Stay tuned for a registration link to help us celebrate  $\pi$  Day.

March 20: Get Spring Rolling

We're partnering with the Rosslyn BID for a lunchtime event (11-2) on the First Day of Spring to get Rosslyn's commuters excited and ready for a great season of riding. We'll have a mechanic on site, as well as fix-a-flat demos and other bike-specific goodies provided by the BID. Even if you can't make it, snap a photo of yourself biking in Rosslyn and tag it #RosslynRides to win some neat things in the coming summer months.

### **Parks (Kevin Stalica)**

*Kevin said that he has developed a new contact with VDOT for trail lighting.*

*Kevin reports that he had \$500K for improvements to the FMR on the western portion of the trail (this will be done by 2016) and will focus on short term fixes.*

*Gillian Burgess asked if there was a budget for trail maintenance for damage caused by the winter weather.*

*David Goodman reported that WABA awarded Arlington County an advocacy award for the efforts to clear the trails in the winter.*

*Gillian Burgess said that there were three trails that had been identified as needing clearing – FMR where it parallels the W&OD, the MVT and the new Arlington Blvd trail. Kevin said that the funding hadn't been allocated and his staff would be allowed to clear the FMR but the geometry of the trail wouldn't lend itself to winter use.*

*Kevin said that they maintain the Route 110 trail from Memorial Drive north to Marshall Drive. Kevin said that any clearing that is done on any VDOT trails by Arlington County other than along the Custis is done at county expense. DP said that there is a larger discussion between VDOT and Arlington County about VDOT infrastructure that VDOT doesn't generally maintain.*

## **Other Issues**

*NPS hosted a design charrette for Memorial Circle last week. David Goodman attended. He said that a number of far reaching design ideas were proposed and that some schemes included grade separation as well as a number of other innovative approaches.*

*Fort Myer Access: Gillian Burgess reported that the guidelines for access to Fort Myer were still up in the air. She indicated that she received conflicting guidance regarding the acceptability of cyclists that had HSPD 12 credentials. She stated the decision that would prevent cyclists from entering the base at South Gate Drive would force cyclists onto Columbia Pike, which would cause a real safety issue.*

*VDOT will be doing a presentation to the FABB meeting on March 18. We are welcome to attend.*

*Adjournment*