

Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee
June 1, 2015 Meeting
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201

Gillian Burgess, Milo Burgess (<1 month old), Dwight Hlustick, Steve Offutt, Chris Slatt (Transportation Commission), Randy Swart, Barbara Miller (Potomac Pedalers), Bob Trecheny (Alex. Bike/Ped Committee), Jerry Carter, Cory Bilton, Collin Weber, Tom Rosato

David Goodman, Erin Potter, David Patton, Kevin Stalica, Delmar Hayes, Lt. Ken Dennis ACPD

Call to Order

Introductions

Approve minutes *May 2015 notes were approved.*

Police Discussion

*ACPD Lt. Dennis, Special Operations.
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Question about what info the ACPD collects when a bicycle is involved in a crash. Lt Dennis passed around sanitized copies of the four page data templates that police officers fill out. Includes location, driver info, vehicle info, crash info, crash diagram. Can only note that it was a bicycle in one part of the crash info section. There is no bike lane on the crash diagram road. Police take a report on every crash. The officer will interview both sides before making a determination of who is at fault, and will normally interview the injured at the hospital before ticketing. But in at least two cases they have issued citations to a cyclist without interviewing the cyclist, contrary to ACPD policy. Question on why officers have charged cyclists inappropriately in some crashes. Two officers had told a cyclist "a bike lane is not a real lane." In fact a bike lane is a primary lane, an extension of the curb lane, but cars have to cross them to turn or park. Is ACPD picking up bias from witnesses on cyclist behavior? Try to avoid that. Officer mistakes are normally taken care of in court, but can be remedied by calling the PD. Citizens can request a do-it-yourself form to report a crash where there was no police report. ACPD is providing the state with comments on improving the form. A bike is a pedestrian on a trail, but when it enters a roadway does it become a car? Lt. Dennis will check on that with the Commonwealth Attorney. Not clear who has obligation to stop, etc. at trail crossings.

Arlington County Staff Updates

Parks – Kevin Stalica. What does BAC want to see in the parks for bike parking? Penrose Park has great parking, but others not well done. Kevin is looking for feedback. David Goodman volunteered to review park construction plans with John Durham. Could check the BikeArlington RackSpotter for ideas. (rackspotter.com)

BikeArlington – Erin Potter

Bike to Work Day on May 17 went very well with good participation.

Projects – David Goodman and David Patton

- *Arlington Blvd at Irving and Army-Navy Drive will be taken up in coming meetings.*
- *Bluemont Trail stop signs – Do not meet DOT standard, don't conform with the law, more advisory. Confuses both car drivers and cyclists about who has right of way. But County will leave them up pending discussions among staff. Lt. Dennis checking with Commonwealth's Attorney.*
- *Wilson Blvd repaving from Rosslyn to Courthouse – pulled from paving list, will now be back on list and will be restriped with protected climbing lane on uphill section.*
- *Walter Reed Drive between Arlington Mill Drive and Four Mile Run Drive – new design will replace sidewalks with wider multi-use trail type sidewalk, no bike lanes in the street. Will have a two to three foot utility strip. Bus stop will be traditional design. Free right for cars will remain at northbound Arlington Mill Drive, but there will be a passive detection device for peds and bikes.*

On-site meeting with County staff: Clarendon Circle

Chris Slatt proposed an on-site meeting because redevelopment is opening up some possibilities for improvement of bike accommodation at Clarendon Circle. He will organize the meeting with BAC members who are interested. Email him if you want to be included.

Dooring-prevention stickers for taxis, Arlington County vehicles

WABA is working in DC to get dooring-prevention stickers installed on windows in cabs. BAC asked staff if it can be done in Arlington. Questions raised about who would sponsor it, pay for the stickers, etc.

Issues to discuss with the County Manager

Acting County Manager Mark Schwartz will be coming to a BAC meeting soon. What issues do we want to take up? Funding for revising Bicycle Element of the Master Transportation Plan. Columbia Pike construction. Hoffman-Ballston Connector. Long

term solution for Intersection of Doom. Ask about how he wants to conduct our dialogue. Express dismay that our program was singled out as a budget non-priority. Gillian may be meeting with him at some point prior to his visit to the BAC.

Announcements

Fresh Bikes Rides

Barbara Miller noted that the Fresh Bikes rides will be on Tuesdays, with new rules.

Trips for Kids Program

Jerry Carter suggested organizing rides.

Washington Boulevard Trail – Chris Slatt said part of the shoulder will be used for a trail, saving some trees in an area where the neighborhood had protested tree devastation.

Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway – Some bus lanes may actually be set up as bus and bike lanes.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted: Randy Swart subbing for Dana Bres