

Arlington Bike Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2016
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2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201

Gillian Burgess, Megan Jones, Cory Bilton, Mark Blacknell, Dana Bres, Eric Goodman, Dwight Hlustick, Cynthia Palmer, Randy Swart
Henry Dunbar, David Goodman, Larry Filler, David Patton, Kevin Stalica, Lt Ken Dennis

Guests

Irena Lazie (DPR – Parks Planning), Bob Trencheny (Alexandria BPAC), Sarah Meservey (Dominion Hills)

Call to Order; Introductions; Approve minutes for March and April 2016

Arlington County Police: Update on Ped/Bike Campaign (Lt Dennis)

Street smart efforts are ongoing. Preliminary data suggest that 2/3 of the tickets are going to cyclists (and 1/3 to motorists). The bulk of the violations were for red lights or lane sharing (filtering). The parking aides have been citing motorists for bike lane violations. They are drawing a difference between delivery trucks/armored cars (that don't really have any option) and others like taxis (that do have options). He said that some facilities don't have loading areas. Lt Dennis said that they spent about 45 minutes with each officer to ensure they understood the rules.

They have done some "Montgomery County style crosswalk ROW" enforcement events. He recognizes that bikes in crosswalks are considered to be pedestrians (and not vehicles) but he said that cyclists had to be cautious and not reckless.

Lt Dennis indicated that they are pushing the officers to do reports on all bike-car accidents because "99% of the time the cyclist is somewhat injured".

Gillian asked about whether the driver was responsible for all the doors on the auto dooring law. There is some concern that doors operated by passengers may not be covered by the dooring law.

Lt Dennis said that cyclists desiring to report bike lane violations should call the ACPD non-emergency number at 703-558-2222

There was some discussion about delivery and other vehicles stopping in bike lanes while delivering some product to an Arlington business. Lt Dennis suggested that he felt if there was a reasonable need to stop, he would encourage ACPD officers to not ticket, in spite of the necessity for cyclists to enter the traffic lane to pass. Gillian asked about the "good reason" basis for enforcement, suggesting that it would force a cyclist into the roadway. She suggested that forcing some less confident cyclists into the roadway may tend to discourage them from cycling.

Public Spaces Master Plan: Trails feedback (Irena)

Arlington County is beginning a Public Spaces Master Plan (the current plan was adopted in 2005). The PSMP is part of the Comprehensive Plan. Next round of public meetings would be in Jun 2016.

The survey conducted for this effort suggest that 87% of the respondents feel a need for paved, multi-use trails (and they were viewed as the most important amenity).

Irena asked for feedback on the study. Gillian indicated that the amount of traffic on the primary trail networks tends to discourage the use of those trails by less experienced cyclists. Irena said that one of the challenges was to balance some of the potentially conflicting uses of the assets (such as paved trails vs green/open space). Mark Blacknell suggested the study should acknowledge the fact that some of the open spaces satisfy both recreational and transportation needs. Gillian said that trail access was also important.

Gillian highlighted the need for trails along 50 (discussed in the WABA study), Spout Run, and Columbia Pike.

Gillian suggested that a naming convention for the trails should be considered.

Mark Blacknell said that there was a need for an off-road (dirt) trail for kids in Arlington.

David Goodman said that the study should address nighttime use of trails. He said that the current approach wasn't ideal. He said that the winter maintenance plan could be a point of departure for such efforts.

Trail maintenance (Kevin Stalica)

Kevin reported that they are hiring an engineer to look at the depression along the Custis by the Bridge to Nowhere. The wanted the engineer to see the "as is" condition of the trail. He said he would have a caution sign produced for the site.

Kevin reported that DPR received \$100K in funding for trail maintenance (not paving). The capital budget has money (unknown amount) for paving as well.

Kevin said that the Arlington County trails had been built to a variety of standards in the past, with some just on dirt and others on compacted subbase. Newly constructed trails are being built on subbase to a new standard.

Paving projects are scheduled to occur later this month include:

Four Mile Run Trail:

- Bluemont Park – Ball Field to restroom
- Madison Manor – connection at Custis to 12th Road

Custis

- Custis Spur – 18th Street to McKinley

Gillian asked Kevin to get the Parks staff working on the Trails CIP at an upcoming meeting.

Planning for the update of the Bicycle Element of the Master Transportation Plan (MTP) (Gillian/David Goodman/David Patton)

Gillian reported that the Arlington County board did not fund the Bike Element of the MTP as County staff indicated that it could be done in house. David Goodman said that in the Fall of 2016, staff would develop a SOW, schedule and work plan for the Bike Element that could be contracted in 2017. He solicited engagement by the BAC, acknowledging the need for BAC involvement.

David Patton discussed the NPS Paved Trail Study. He highlighted the fact Arlington County would be providing input. Gillian suggested the BAC provide a letter to the NPS supporting the study.

David Patton provided a report on the State Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Council that was held on 27 April in Richmond. David Goodman reported that VDOT was considering ideas on marking crosswalks (where and how).

David Goodman said that the Washington Blvd bike lanes will go in next year. They are considering a left side PBL on the uphill stretch of Wilson Blvd and asked for the BAC to consider that strategy.

BikeArlington (submitted in advance by Henry Dunbar)

Upcoming Events

- May 4: [Bike to School Day](#)
- May 5: [Tour de Taco with Revolution Cycles.](#)
- May 8: [Bike Night with DC United](#) - : A ride to a special bike night at RFK.
- May 11: [Community Ride: Pizza Provocation](#)
- May 20: [Bike to Work Day](#)
- May 21: [Tour de Fat](#)
- May 22: [DC Bike Ride](#)
- June 8: [Community Ride: Comfort Confrontation.](#)

Spring Class Schedule

Is now live with adult learn to rides as well as classes designed to boost confidence in everyday riding: <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/bike-education/>

Bike to Work Day is May 20!

Our six usual pit stops, plus a new *afternoon* pit stop for Bike to Work Day, at New District Brewing in partnership with MORE (Mid Atlantic Off-Roads Enthusiasts).

[Registration now open!](#) Sign up! Make sure your friends sign up! Photobooths, pastries, the promise of free t-shirts and early morning euphoria beckon! There will also be an unofficial afternoon stop at Heavy Seas Alehouse in Rosslyn.

Arlington Active Streets Festival is June 11!

- Taking advantage of road closures occurring for the Air Force Association Cycling Classic, we're having an open streets-style event in the Clarendon Circle Intersection and along Wilson to 10th.
- A call for Programming Partners is out now! Please share with anyone who might be interested.

Capital Bikeshare Launches Community Partners Program

This program works with nonprofit organizations to provide low-income residents access to bikeshare. Clients of the partner organization can get a membership for \$5 annually with 60-minutes initial free ride time, and a helmet. Bikeshare will also train staff on how system works so they can help promote and explain the system. Program launched in DC, and will soon begin in Arlington. Five Arlington nonprofits have expressed interest and are reviewing the agreement.

Bikeshare Stations Coming in May/June

Should have four more stations installed in early summer, including:

- Carlin Springs Road & N. Thomas Street: This site is near Ballston.
- Washington Boulevard & Patrick Henry Drive. This continues bikeshare's expansion west along Washington Boulevard.
- Washington Boulevard & N. McKinley Street (Westover Village). This would extend the network even farther along Washington and would provide a destination station for surrounding areas.
- N. Lynn St. & Fairfax Drive. Adding to the network in Rosslyn and serve the huge River Place apartment buildings.

Adjourn (Gillian)