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Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Commission – November Meeting

Location: Microsoft Teams (Online)

Date: 12/1/2021 *Rescheduled from previous week because of Thanksgiving Holiday

Time: 4-6PM

Commissioners In Attendance

Jon Laria (Chair)	Matthew Hendrickson (DOT)
LTC. Monique Brown (BPD)	Austin Davis (DOP)
Graham Young (DOT)	Jamison Holtz (BRCP)
Penny Troutner (Bicycle Community Representative)	LaKeisha Henderson (Community Representative)
	Jasper Barnes (Underserved Communities Representative)

Minutes

October Minutes Approval: Minutes Approved

Community Events:

- Commissioners discussed events over the previous month and new events up and coming in December:
 - (1) Cranksgiving was a blast and very successful and one of the best run around
 - a. Link to the media: [Bike riders across Baltimore Saturday for 7th annual "Cranksgiving" | WBFF \(foxbaltimore.com\)](#)
 - (2) Special Events ---- Bike Party: New Year's Eve Eve, December 30th, St Mary's Park, at 19:00
 - (3) Discussion of Other events and fundraisers on respective community pages
 - (4) Discussion of Lake 2 Lake Play Day which was a Culmination of Lake 2 Lake Grants from NACTO
 - a. Mayor close Lake Montebello to Cars
 - b. Discussion of Right of Way Art used at 33rd and Hillen
 - c. **Question:** What is the plan to keep Right of Way art maintained?
Answer: Right of Way Art typically stays for a while
 - d. **Question:** Why the use of yellow flex posts?
Answer: They are typically put where yellow lines are, indicating two-way

Mayors Office Updates: Commissioner Matthew Hendrickson and Commissioner Jon Laria

- (1) Confirmation of Commissioners for Committee for MBAC Awards Discussion



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Department of Planning Updates – Commissioner Austin Davis

- (1) ARPA Application on the Greenway loop was not accepted but will be resubmitted with suggested updates from the Mayor's Office
- (2) Bike Route Map: Centralized Local Routes for All Users with Meg Young (DOT)
 - a. **Committee Meeting** Discussion of Options for Webpage for Bike Routes saying that it:
 - Discussion that the map may be able to filter the rides from levels
 - The map will be printable
 - Will be posted to Strava
 - Discussion of how maps have been divided routes into different levels (i.e kids, advanced, touring, etc.).
 - b. Questions/Comments
 - **Question:** What format would you like for submission for Ride with GPS routes?
 - **Answer:** Get in touch with Austin, rider with GPS or export as GPX
 - LTC Brown comment: We should Include these maps in monthly newsletters from BPD – Commissioners in agreement
 - Discussion of Mock Route Maps

Chair Comments: Continue to develop something that works and get it to people and continue to work on it. Once there are enough routes, lets get the idea out and develop a communications plan – “If you always wanted to ride in Baltimore and you did not know where the routes were, try this” instead of saying “There is a library, here you go.”

Baltimore Police Department Updates – Commissioner LTC. Monique Brown

- (1) No updates
- (2) Questions about concerns on Hilton Street where a bicyclist collision occurred resulting in a fatality
 - a. Commissioner Brown- active investigation, preliminary results would be the cyclist fault. The results may change as this is just a preliminary.
 - b. Cannot speak on road design or other factors, but accidents investigators are great
 - c. Will not be a quick turnaround, taking time to deep dive in investigation using digital evidence and allowing witnesses to come forward
 - d. MBAC Chair: MBAC will be involved and get best facts and circumstance to best of availability and learn from it. Hope to address concerns appreciate BPD as a part of MBAC.
 - e. Discussion around details of accident and subsequent media coverage
- (3) Open Floor:
 - a. Participant: Wants some more details about the crash? Get from the POI.
 - b. Commissioner Brown: November 19, 2600 Hilton, Ford 150, Driver stayed on scene to make sure they were not impaired, need to go through due process.
 - c. Participant: was it a civilian vehicles or company?
 - d. Commissioner Brown: Not at liberty to share. Will follow up on this



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- e. MBAC Chair will also look to follow up and figure out who to let know and figure out the protocol associated
- f. Commissioner Brown: Will make notification protocol
- g. Jed: Was Hilton a Slow Streets?
- h. Commissioner Young: No, Hilton is a transit route, we have ruled out transit routes for slow streets.
- i. Chair: BPD and DOT creation of protocol and follow up next month

Baltimore Rec and Parks- Commissioner Jamison Holtz

- (1) Additional Participants
 - (2) Discussion of 2021 BCRP Bike Program Results
 - a. Lake Montebello: 300 on Thursday's. 796 on Saturday's. Total 1,096 participants.
 - b. Druid Hill: Total 159 participants on Wednesday's.
 - c. Rec Centers: Gwynns Falls 146 participants. Jones Falls 145 participants. Total 291 participants.
 - d. Bocek Pump Track: tracked 50 participants through our weekly Thursday 3 hour visit.
 - e. Lake to Lake event: 58 participants.”
 - f. Program Results are less in previous years for Montebello and Druid Hill
 - g. Rec Centers, great have a bunch of participants
 - h. Bocek Pump Track- successful, bikes given to rec center for youths
 - (3) Commissioner Holtz asks for constructive criticism for the program and make changes next year for the program
 - a. Chair Question: Are there any video or images? Would be great to see the pump track in action, not easy to explain without a photo or video, who can do more
 - b. Commissioner Holtz: We have some photos and some videos, like the idea
 - c. Commissioner Barnes: Use a hashtag around the pump track, would collaborate, in lieu of major look campaign.
 - (4) Discussion of 2022 Program
 - a. Regarding pump track, reached out to company it was purchased from and will update their website
 - b. Similar bike program as Druid Hill in Carroll Park
 - c. A lot of learn to ride section with riding lessons to local schools
 - (5) Special Events: Lake-to-Lake, successful event
 - (6) Rash Field opening: Nice to see the community out there, not sure there will be capacity, but tossing around the idea of inner harbor bike program
 - (7) **Question:** Who is the target audience are for the programs and was the attendance representative?
- Commissioner Holtz:** Representative of the community, not collecting information on where people live, take general information, a ton of people communicate in they see it in the neighborhood. As far as youth programs based in community center and schools, so always representative.
- (8) Bringing in south Baltimore is the number one on the list
 - (9) Comment: Have a target audience and know where it is? Demographics and need for city.
Commissioner Henderson to talk offline



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- (10) **Question:** Are there plans to make these programs fully operated by community members and ambassadors?

Answer: Exploring concessional programs, but must have Rec and Parks staff because there will be rentals,

- (11) Commissioner Barnes: will there be community ambassadors? What does this look like long term? How deeply does the plan go and is it a pilot program?

a. Answer: In Lake to Lake Event, there was a lot of excitement, it would be great in the future to have events that have partners that are community oriented

- (12) Gwynn Falls Trail Reopening under Edmonson Bridge. DOP was able to drive the trail and take note of what is needed to keep the trails open, and are looking to hire additional seasonal trail aides

a. **Question:** Are the new staff geographically assigned?

b. Answer: Yes, will be divided up by area on the trail, the office will be by Gwynn Falls

- (13) Comment from BCRP Ed Wheeling: This is going to be a slow process in the beginning, but this will happen year around, they will not be pulled to do anything else, do trail outreach and trail maintenance

DOT Updates:

Central Ave Project - Commissioner Graham Young

- (1) Discussion of Central Ave. Projects and Federal Funding for 5 lanes. Where some parts have 3 lanes, but it transitions to 5 lanes. Discussion that there are limits to what can happen because of federal funding.
- (2) Reviewed design plans to follow the Complete Streets Plan (See Slides)
- (3) Discussion of 2-way vs 1-way cycle tracks, and when it transitions there will be a bike crossing.
- (4) **Question:** Where are we with the process and where can MBAC contribute?

Answer: This is a fast-paced design where DOT is:

- a. Trying to use federal funds which have time limitations,
 - b. Looking to finalize plan by end of January
 - c. Suggesting a field walk
 - d. Suggesting the timeline for construction would be done summer of next year
- (5) For more information visit: <https://www.centralaveproject.com/index.php>
- (6) Send updated plans
- (7) **Participant question:** is it realistic to change or modify the plan based on input received?
Answer: Input would be able to change and modify plans
- (8) **Question:** What outreach has been done? Notice sent out to bike organizations/stakeholders?
Answer Commissioner Hendrickson: Communications lists and SOPs need to be improved. Would like to have own bike projects stakeholders list – starting with the MBAC listserv. Turnover in communications staff has been an issue and we agree bike community needs to know what is going on.



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- (9) **Participant Question:** How to intentionally and directly communicate to communities that may not be representative of some biking organizations?

DOT response: Variety of tactics. Reach out with postcards, posting on social sites. Will make sure that this list is aware of these kinds of projects, and hopefully within the group.

Chair comment: This is a flawed process issue that needs to be fixed, asked DOT what is happening with the notices? Needs assistance and improvement.

Prioritize equity issues with outreach to black and brown communities that will be affected by the bike projects and have input.

Dockless Updates:

- (1) Discussion of Winter: Its winter, trips are going down, companies are keeping vehicles around, lime is putting out more bikes,
 - a. Includes prioritizing infrastructure improvements
 - b. Survey and be intentional with who that reaches, current survey is popping up to riders in equity zones
- (2) Discussion of Numbers: Compared to years past it is a huge recovery
- (3) Discussion of new corrals installed in first street
- (4) Discussion of Work with BPD on response to vandalism of vehicles
- (5) Discussion of Dockless Vehicles meeting and notes that meeting will happen quarterly in 2022.
- (6) Other policy updates,
 - a. Started training with Baltimore school police
 - b. Started with Robot Delivery
 - c. MTA is now allowing E-Bikes and personal e scooters on transit
 - d. Discussion of Federal Bills

Important DOT Updates: Public Comment on Druid Hill Park Lake, next comment closing on ~~*December 17th~~ <https://transportation.baltimorecity.gov/dpldcsdesigneffort>.

***Deadline has been extended to January 17th.**

Update: MTA North Ave Rising

- (1) Patrick McMahon - reviews North Avenue Rising project (see slides)
- (2) Discussion of North Ave Rising Project from MTA concerning construction, signal timing, equity, people who use the bike track, public outreach.
- (3) Meeting was running over time, so this presentation will be rescheduled for next meeting
- (4) Discussion surrounding prioritization of vehicles over bikers and equity issues surrounding neighborhoods surrounding North Ave
- (5) Discussion of a Quick Fix for North Ave to open cycle track back up to workers.

Next MBAC Meeting December 29, 2021.