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Mayors Bicycle Advisory Commission

Location: On Microsoft Teams (Online)

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 4PM - 6PM

Commissioner Attendance

Ms. Meg Young – Dockless Vehicles	Mr. Graham Young - DOT
Mr. Terrence Jennings – Mayor’s Office	Mr. Jon Laria - Chair
Mr. Austin Davis - Planning	Mr. Daniel Knopp – Health Department
Mr. Jamison Holtz - BCRP	LTC Monique Brown - BPD

Minutes

Motion to approve January minutes – Approved

Community Updates

- **Recurring Rides**
 - Crank Mavens WTF ride: NW Corner of Washington Monument, 7:00pm
 - Taco Tuesday Ride: Washington Monument, 6:30pm
 - Black People Ride Bikes: Zwift Tuesdays, 7:00pm (join on Zwift through Shaka Pitts (BPRB))
 - Saturday Coffee Ride: 32nd Street Farmer’s Market, 10am
- **Special Events**
 - BPRB (Virtual Bike Party on ZWIFT) starts at 7PM on Friday February 25
 - Thursday February 24 – Saturday 26 Chop x Shop Black Business Walking Tours Bike and Brunch Tours – tickets online
 - Friday February 25, 6:30pm -Bike Party: Pajama Ride -St Mary’s Park, 600 N Paca Street
 - Mr. Holtz - Monday, Tuesday Clean Ups are new (Sign up on Civic Rep: <https://secure.rec1.com/MD/baltimore-md/catalog>)
 - Monday March 7 & 14 Gwynn’s Falls Trail Clean-up Volunteer Day Meet at I70 Park and Ride
 - Tuesday March 8 & 15 Herring Run Trail Clean-up Volunteer Day Meet at Chesterfield Ave & Harford Rd (Hooper Field)
 - Rails to Trails, is celebrating Opening Trails Day this year, Saturday April 23, 2020
- **Save the Date**
 - Baltimore Bike Week: May 9-15



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- Bike to Work week: May 16-22

City Updates

Mayor's Office

Second Annual Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Commission Awards

- Winners receive a Lunch with the Mayor for 30 mins
- Chair Laria is looking to invite Winners to next MBAC Meetings

Winners (with Summary from Slides)

- Organization Award: Black People Ride Bikes

Black People Ride Bikes (BPRB) is a Baltimore-based cycling and advocacy organization of black cyclists in every age bracket, from children to adults. The organization is made up of both casual riders and avid cyclists, who regularly participate in cycling events throughout the country.

This organization was founded by three avid cyclists, Shaka Pitts, Nia Reed-Jones, and Milt Sharp as a way to introduce people of black diaspora to the many benefits of cycling they have experienced firsthand. Their experiences taught them cycling can be a useful form of self-care, healthcare, and exploration. BPRB advocates for improving cycling conditions in the Greater Baltimore Region and beyond. Their main goal is to make cycling more accessible regardless of socioeconomic background, ethnicity, or experience level.

- Business Award Winner: Waverly Ace Hardware

Located in the wonderful Waverly neighborhood, its store boasts over 8,000 square feet of retail space, featuring more than 20,000 items, premium brands, and niche products catered to meet the demands of its neighbors—This includes a dedicated section to bike products. The store is located half a block from Greenmount Avenue & 32nd Street. Ace prides themselves on their exceptional customers service and are thrilled to be your locally owned neighborhood helpful place!

Waverly Ace Hardware participated & promoted Bike-to-Work Week with its employees and customers. Ace Hardware has performed fundraising roundups for bike initiatives within Baltimore City supporting local bicycle advocacy and community groups. They were also a corporate sponsor for Cranksgiving, which is an annual biking event in Baltimore and has a dedicated bike parking section for its patrons.

- Individual and Volunteer Awards Winner: TJ Butler

During the pandemic, TJ Butler has provided meals to those in need by participating in bicycle meal delivery services through Bikemore and Delivered by Dent. He has played a critical role in establishing and mobilizing a youth bike delivery program through Delivered by Dent. This has included countless hours of engagement with young people and businesses to expand the bicycle meal delivery in Baltimore City.



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Outside of delivering meals, he also actively works on fixing bikes and providing bike gear, including helmets, for the youth in his neighborhood and greater community.

- Youth Award Winner: E'niya Bates

E'niya Bates is an 8th grade middle school student-athlete at Commodore John Rodgers Middle School and has been part of the Patterson Park Mountain Biking team since it was established in 2019. The Patterson Park Mountain Biking team is an all-female team led by Coach Catherine Witt and Rebecca Redett. The Patterson Park team is part of Maryland Interscholastic Cycling League (MICL) and National Interscholastic Cycling League (NICL). E'niya is the perfect example of a sportswomen, a hard worker, leader, and goal setter.

She is very confident and sure of her abilities. As a Mountain biker has earned the nickname of "Hill Killer" due to her fortitude and will to master whatever obstacle is put front of her. This year E'Niya has not missed one race, she has raced even if she was the only Mountain biker representing the Patterson Park Team. When you think of all positive qualities a student athlete should have E'niya embodies them all. Her coaches express the immense joy of witnessing not only her individual achievements but also her contributions to the Patterson Park Bike Team and family.

Other Mayor's Office Updates

- Mr. Ethan Cohen will be replacing Mr. Terrence Jennings
 - o Mr. Cohen Has helped in the past with many projects
 - o One of Mr. Cohen's objectives is figuring out how to deploy different resources/funding for updating greenway trails
 - o Cohen talked about creation of Webpage presence of the Greenway Trails Network

Old Business:

- North Ave Rising
 - o Cycle Track Maryland and Mount Royal should be opening next week
 - o Starting with LPI, feedback says it is working well

Planning Updates (Mr. Austin Davis)

- ARPA Application has been updated to make sure that Planning meets the equity components
- Mr. Davis showed the preliminary maps hopefully will be able to post in the next few weeks:
 - o There are a few routes uploaded
 - o Information on the routes in pop up after clicking
 - o Information on the level of grade (hills) information
 - o Web app will be ready for bike week
 - o Three levels of routes available
- Chair Laria wants to get the map web app out there quickly and offers MBAC support



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BPD Updates (LTC Monique Brown and Chair Jon Laria)

- MBAC in planning on having a meeting with updates on bike protocols in the next few months with BPD

Rec & Parks Updates (Mr. Jamison Holtz, Mr. Ed Wheeling, Mr. Ron Williamson, and Mr. Sam Little)

- 2022 Bike Program is about to kick off
 - o Pump Track at Carroll Park
 - o Thursday, Lake Montebello 5-8pm
 - o Saturdays, Lake Montebello and Herring Run, 9am-3pm
- Rec Center Bike Program Schedule in the works
- Creations of Pump Track Intake Form
 - o Form will be used to keep track of what communities are requesting the use of the pump track
 - o Any neighborhood or community that wants to bring the pump track to their local park must have at least 150+ Square Feet of area
- Question
 - o Chair Laria: What is the sense of how many assemblies is BCRP programming?
 - o Mr. Holtz: First round at Carroll park will be longer, BCRP is programming 2 months per location
- Question Laria: Will there be a second Pump Track?
 - o Discussion between BCRP personnel on permanent or modular pump track, no clear consensus
 - o Discussion between various location of a pump track like Armstead Gardens, Carroll Park, Patterson Park, etc., no clear consensus
 - o Participants note:
 - Construction costs of permanent pump track can be cheap, challenge is maintenance
 - MBAC/BCRP should talk to skate park developers
 - Pump tracks have gotten push back and modular pump track was used to open communities up to the idea
- Rec and Parks updates from (Mr. Williamson and Mr. Wheeling)
 - o Sam Little and Christopher Gold are the new managers who focus mainly on cleaning Gwynn Falls, Jones Falls, and Herring Run
 - o Synopsis of job duties
 - Remove trees, invasive species, trash from trails
 - Connect with community orgs, youth programs
 - o Mr. Little notes managers are working with backlog on maintenance and even though maintenance focuses on three main areas, managers can get to any part of the City.
 - o Question on Signs Installation
 - Ms. Young: Do managers work on signs installations and updates on current signs?



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- Little: Most signs are still in shop. Bigger signs will be handled by contractors rather than managers.
- Questions on 311
 - Chair Laria: Can 311 have picture uploads and how to go about maintenance requests for specific areas on the trail?
 - Mr. Little: Citizens can call 311 and let them know the nearest intersections.
- Chair Laria suggests new signs should be made that says “See a problem, Call 311 and tell us a the nearest intersection)

DOT Updates (Ms. Meg Young and Mr. Patrick Patterson)

Dockless Vehicle Update

- Rides are going back up from the winter time
- Annual User Survey up for updates, please give comments
- Adaptive vehicles hitting the streets soon
- Public comments are open for policy review

Bike Program and projects

- Wolfe and Washington Existing Conditions and Analysis – Another public Meeting tentatively for Spring 2022
- REP (Rapid-Enhancement Plans)
 - Through Bikeways grant awards
 - Will Prioritize West Baltimore Bike Boulevard
 - Green Way Trails – Three Meetings Posted (outreach meetings march 1-3) starting at 6
 - Question regarding Greenway Trails Meeting
 - Mr. Cohen: Have FAQs been done? It will be hard for every agency to be represented.
 - Liaisons are working to get information out
 - Can be addressed with FAQ and plan numbers
 - Meeting will have the capacity for Breakout rooms for questions and concerns that are out of scope
 - Automated Bike Counters
 - Request public input for projects to be sent to Patrick.patterson@baltimorecity.gov
 - Will comply all the information to get information on biking
 - Ride
 - Email Patrick to join the ride for March 9th looking at locations
 - A survey will be sent to prior to the ride to prioritize counter locations
 - EcoCounter is what we got a quote for but there are other companies still
 - Question on Equity Metrics



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- Mr. Davis: Is there equity metrics? Could place in council districts to get data across the city?
- Mr. Patterson- Will do some analysis on how current connects with equity areas, maybe putting counters by cut-through
- Ms. Elizabeth Gordon- During the grant application they said they would look at facilities
 - Demonstration of the value of facilities
 - Put them in places where people ride so data is good

Miscellaneous Business

- Participant- Detour of Gwynn Falls trail around casino, how long is the detour going to be in effect?
 - Chair Laria: We will put it on next's meeting agenda, does not have the answers now
- Multiple DOT Polices are up for comment
- Bikemore is raising funds for Edgar Draper who was killed in crash
- Updating of Bike Master Plan
- Chair Laria and Commission will schedule a field trip ride in March