**Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Commission**

June 30th, 2021

**Minutes**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

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| Jon Laria (Chair) | Austin Davis (Planning Department) |
| Jamison Holtz (Recreation and Parks) | Peter Jackson (Business Community Representative) |
| Matthew Hendrickson (DOT) | Dan Knopp (Health Communities Representative) |
| Col Monique Brown (BPD) | LaKeisha Henderson (Community Representative) |
| Meg Young (DOT) | Penny Troutner (Bike Community Representative) |

**Agenda**

1. May Minutes

* Approved

1. Community Updates

* Rec & Parks
  + Wednesday Druid Hill Park bike rides from 5-8 PM
  + Thursday Montebello bike rides from 5-8 PM and Saturdays 10 AM to 12 PM
  + Saturday Herring Run ride has been sparsely attended
  + Both Druid Hill and Montebello rides attract 40-50 people per week
* Bikers Collective:
  + Bathing Suits and Bikes, July 11th in York PA
* Bike & Brunch Tours
  + July 17th and 24th, see website for details
* BYKE
  + Free youth summer enrichment – email to see about remaining slots
* Black People Ride Bikes: has been preparing for Colorado trip, but will be doing kid-friendly rides in Carroll Park in late July
* July 10th: Carroll Park Bike day starting at 2:00, and then at 3:30 PM a group ride will be going north on the Gwynns Falls Trail
* See slide for recurring rides

1. Guest Speaker: Ira Cowler

* Update on Ridgely’s Cove project and attendant trail closure
  + Recreation and Parks owned and controlled property
  + Mitigation work on this property has begun, which has temporarily closed the trail through the site – once the project is complete it will be returned, to a site with clean fill and native plantings
  + The proposed detour is on the west side of the casino property
    - There has been a delay in installing the detour due to some of the detour being on Casino property, and liability issues
  + Should be reopened next spring
  + *Chair comment: This is an official part of the trial network, so a detour should have been worked out when/before the trail segment was closed*
  + *Participant comment: this really needs to go up immediately. This is part of the East Coast Greenway, and we are in summer touring season.* 
    - *The difficulty in directing people to the detour is that there isn’t authority/agreement to direct people across the private property owner*
  + *Participant comment: The CSX bridge on Guilford is another detour issue. CSX is saying they are not required to provide a detour.*
    - *They have not applied for permits yet, so there’s still time for DOT to intervene, here*
  + *Commissioner comment: Is there a standard of practice to provide and notify about these detours?*
    - *There is for roadways, but since this is a Recreation and Parks facility, there was miscommunication, and there wasn’t a policy to include trails in the Maintenance of Traffic Plan*
    - *The permitting process and system for roadways has reviewers who are responsible for this, but a non-DOT permit process doesn’t trigger this same system, nor does it go to the same reviewers*
  + *Commissioner comment: I would like to request that, at a minimum, a "pending detour notice" be posted physically at the trail and virtually on trail network and Google Maps sites 7-14 days in advance of a trail closure.*
    - *DOT agreed to follow up on this item at July meeting*

1. City Updates

* MBAC Awards: Nominations are still live until mid-July
  + *Participant comment: Can we have DOT post the nomination form on its sites and social media?* 
    - *Yes, DOT will put it out on their social media, and participants here should feel free to share it*
* Planning
  + Fixit Station is in the process of being installed
  + New website app allows
* BPD
  + Bike training for Baltimore Police Department is live – next month’s update will include the number of officers who have completed it
  + *Commissioner comment: there was a request for a change to the online police report system, as it currently exclude Property Damage Only bike crashes*
    - *Col. Brown will look into process to make changes – this may not be possible due to being under State control*
* Recreation & Parks
  + Taking groups from recreation centers to Gwynns Falls Trials and Druid Hill Park
  + Pump track awaiting final approval from Maintenance for its move to Boceck recreation center
  + BYKE was awarded preventative maintenance RFP for maintaining 200 bike fleet
  + DOT donated 50 bike racks which will be installed in parks and at recreation centers sometime this summer, meeting 50 of roughly 75 requests
  + Still looking for applicants for programming job at $12 per hour
    - Hoping to increase pay for next year
    - Application: <https://secure.rec1.com/MD/baltimore-md/catalog/index?filter=dGFiJTVCNzA0NiU1RD0xJnNlYXJjaD0=>
    - <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/baltimorecity/jobs/3048173/outdoor-recreation-community-aide-recreation-and-parks?keywords=Outdoor%20Rec&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>
  + *Participant comment: can you comment on trail condition? What is the current Trail Manager recruitment update, and what’s the plan for dealing with debris, in the meantime?*
    - *On road portion of Gwynns Falls Trail, and everywhere north of the Carroll Park Golf Course are in appalling shape. The Edmondson Avenue bridge project is still blocking the trail, despite the phases that were supposed to block it being completed.*
    - *Trail manager position has been vacant for a decade, and a lot of the repairs require heavy equipment. Volunteers did most of the work that got done.*
    - *There needs to be scheduled inspection and maintenance; as it is, there is not even a way to report via 311*
    - *Participant comment: In addition to a Trail Manager, we also really need a Trail Planner to coordinate trail planning between agencies since we have trail planned and existing contiguously through both parks and dot row. Volunteer labor may be enabling the delay in dedicating real resources and paid labor to these issues.*
* DOT
  + Dockless
    - Halfway between COVID low in rides and pre-COVID high
    - Dockless and bike corrals are being installed city wide
    - New permits issued
      * Lime
        + Only operator to also include e-bikes
      * Link
      * Spin
        + First to have adaptive vehicles approved including some with seats
        + Mayor’s Commission on Disabilities helping to inform adaptive vehicle offerings
    - Tried to select vendors with great equity plans, and those who promised to hire local full-time staff, and those that promised community events
  + Agreement from MBAC to review 2015 Bike Master Goals and Objectives, and to use these as possible accountability metrics/benchmarks for the Bike Program and its partners
    - *Multiple participant and commissioner comments that agreement to assist in coordination of other goals and objectives should in no way detract from the significance of installing and maintaining infrastructure as a primary benchmark for the Bike Program.*

1. Miscellaneous Business

* Next Meeting date July 28th, 4-6 p.m.