**Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Commission**

March 31st, 2021

**Minutes**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

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| Jon Laria (Chair) | Jamison Holtz (Recreation and Parks) |
| Theo Ngongang (DOT) | Austin Davis (Planning) |
| Matthew Hendrickson (DOT) | Peter Jackson (Business Community Representative) |
| Adrea Turner (DOT) | Dan Knopp (Health Communities Representative) |
| Meg Young (DOT) | LaKeisha Henderson (Community Representative) |

**Agenda**

1. February Minutes
   * Approved
2. Community Events and Updates
   * Recreation and Parks rides will start May 1st – this is later than anticipated due to delay in hiring staff
     1. *Chair question: What is the delay in hiring?*
        + *Just the City process, and the fact that it got started late due to COVID; additionally, the first applicant offered a full-time position declined*
   * *Chair question: How are you promoting positions?*
     + - *Through CivicRec, social media etc.*
   * Baltimore Bike week starting on April 5th, hosted by community groups
     1. Memorial Plaza ride on April 5th
     2. Mobile bike shop will be on April 3rd at both Druid Hill Park and Lake Montebello
   * No in-person Opening Trails day event with RTC and Rec and Parks, but there’s a call for social media entries
   * DOT Communications staff Tammy Walters gave update on May is Bike Month Activities
     1. There will be a virtual Bike to Work Week – there are still opportunities to sponsor it
     2. DOT is trying to promote more bike activities via its Instagram stories – will coordinate to get some of these events highlighted
   * Council Member Dorsey will be restarting his district rides
3. City Agency Updates
4. Planning
   * Zoning amendment with proposed bike parking standards updates will be introduced to council soon
   * Baltimore Greenway update: a short section connecting to Norfolk Southern segment has been moved forward
5. BPD
   * Successful conversation with head of training about implementation of Bike training module – verbal commitment that it will be rolled out imminently
   * Colonel Brown will be joining us in future months as BPD representative
6. BCRP
   * Pedaling Ponies event planned for June – will use Safety City, and have a rodeo themed agility course
   * Outdoor BCRP events will run May 1st to October 30th
   * Bicycle fleet maintenance and repair contract put out to bid through CitiBuy; should have a winner within a week
7. DOT
   * Dockless Program
     + Up to about 5,000 rides per day, as the weather improves
     + Permits will expire on June 30th – the permits were on hold for COVID reasons, but the state of emergency has ended
       - This is a chance to update rules and regulations
       - Releasing proposed rules and regulations tomorrow, which will then be open to public comment
         1. Will be posted on DOT site, Legal Department site, and posted in all public libraries
         2. Main proposed changes are to incentivize companies to provide bikes, and to fine-tune equity requirements
   * Bike Prioritization Map Review (Discussion captured: See slides for presentation details)
     + *Chair question: What’s the difference between the tiers that the projects are broken into*
       - *They are divided into “bundles,” based on our prioritization score*
       - *Why did the tiers get broken where they got broken?*
         1. *Each was intended to be a reasonable bundle that could get built together in a few years*
       - *The Greenway loop may be ranked too low*
     + *Chair comment: There should be a focused charrette with the Commission; this is a good cross-section of stakeholders* 
       - *Participant comment: There appears to be an assumption that all trails are a robust part of the transportation network – that’s not really feasible due to park hours and lighting. If this effort is to think long term, things like North Avenue and Liberty Heights should be included. Some obvious data errors are worrying. Parking on arterials should not be prioritized over bike facilities, as is required by the Complete Streets ordinance.*
   * Bike Program Projects update (Discussion captured: See slides for presentation details)
     + *Commissioner comment, in reference to the Baltimore Greenway: You mentioned anti-displacement policies – Does DOT or any other agencies involved with these projects have the actual responsibility to provide anti-displacement resources to the people who are in danger of being displaced?*
       - *DOT doesn’t have the capacity to directly provide these things, but at the moment are trying to just get a sense of all of the resources that are available – it needs to be a City-wide effort* 
         1. *Can it be an agenda item to turn this into action,*

*Approved by Chair – with the note to make sure that the right people/resources are available; Matt and commissioner to coordinate*

* + Slow Streets
    - Survey results presented
  + Revisiting MBAC Goals discussion (limited discussion, see slides for details)