**Mayor’s Bicycle Advisory Commission**

May 26, 2021

**Minutes**

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

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| Jon Laria (Chair) | Austin Davis (Planning Department) |
| Terrence Jennings (Mayor’s Office, Vice Chair) | Peter Jackson (Business Community Representative) |
| Jamison Holtz (Recreation and Parks) | Dan Knopp (Health Communities Representative) |
| Matthew Hendrickson (DOT) | LaKeisha Henderson (Community Representative) |
| Col Monique Brown (BPD) | Jasper Barnes (Underserved Community Representative) |
| Meg Young (DOT) |  |

**Agenda**

1. April Minutes

* Approved

1. Community Updates

* Rec & Parks
  + Spring Outdoor Rec starts May 1
* Bike & Brunch Tours
  + See website for tour dates
* Bikemore
  + Changes upcoming to mobile bike shop calendar; going to be at Druid Hill Park to align with farmer’s market calendar and every other Thursday at Lake Montebello
* Black People Ride Bikes (BPRB)
  + Thursday night conditioning rides
  + Raising money to send mountain biking time to Colorado to train
  + Organized rides starting back next month; will include a Soul Food Saturday ride, and a 4th Sunday exploratory ride, which will go up to 50 miles
  + Some upcoming fundraising events will be announced soon
* BYKE
  + Rise Up and Ride Out Challenge and Scavenger Hunt
* 21-mile weekly ride through Bike More Bmore each Monday leaving at 6:15 from Druid Hill Park
* MARC has expanded its access for bikes on MARC trains
  + *Are they just the hanging-style, or is it going to be roll-on, roll-off?*
  + *I was told by an MTA rep that "The “Bicycle Entrance” is at the opposite end of the car as designated ADA seats and that people with disabilities have priority. So this means that bicycle riders need to look for those green signs to determine where they can enter and be respectful of other train passengers*
* *Chair comment: We’re still anxious to see a centralized web location for all community events*
  + *We had two meetings this month with the mayor’s office about where and how to host and support this. Now working through head of communications for DOT.*
* *Participant comment: I think I'm going to start a citywide Email list. I feel like we really need a central way of getting this information out to the general public. We also need a website with all this information posted. Can I get some light support on this?*
* *Participant comment: I'm a member of Visit Baltimore and this information would be good information for visitors, especially the information about the trains and way for people to get to Baltimore on Bike and etc.*
* *Commissioner comment: there was a Google doc where all the rides were assembled, so that could be a starting point. There could also be a platform built for crowdsourcing. There are also national organizations trying to aggregate rides, so those platforms could be useful to tap into or use.*

1. Bike to Work Week Recap

* Kickoff press release mentioned MBAC awards, Greenway network, and Complete Streets adoption.
* *Participant question: are there any metrics on Bike to work week?*
  + *We don’t yet have full Baltimore City numbers, but we will*
  + *Charlene Mingus from BMC confirms that they are putting together metrics*
* *Chair comment: Why can't we just drive ride/activity/event submissions to the Bikemore calendar, which also has a ready-made submission form? Perhaps Bikemore can be given a stipend to ensure it is maintained, etc.*

1. City Updates

* Planning
  + Working with Rails to Trails Conservancy to get good trail mapping on their national resource
  + Working on ride guides from Penn Station, in light of new MARC trains
* BPD
  + Major Laughler will be taking over education and training, but that should not change planned training
  + *Chair comment: Please let us know if there is anything the Commission can do to make sure that we establish a good relationship with Major Laughler*
* Rec & Parks
  + Free rides this weekend at Herring Run and Montebello.
  + Program participation has been good so far, and part time staff has been hired.
  + *Participant question: Any information about getting a bike lane or loop around the lake at Druid Hill Park? one like the one at Lake Montebello?*
    - *Still impeded by the construction; no plans to provide a loop until it reopens,*
  + *Participant comment:* *Sounds like all the rides focus on North Baltimore.*
    - *A ride from Carroll Park, Middle Branch, or another location are being considered. Hopeful to get those going by fall.*
  + *Participant comment:*
    - *Gwynns Falls Trail connecting to Carroll park is a gem that is typically left out of the conversation.*
      * *We will have a Gwynns Falls Tour ride from the NW trailhead to the water.*
  + *Participant question: Has there been any progress on establishing a safe, marked detour for the Middle Brach trail behind the casino?*
    - *Conversations are ongoing, but limited progress made*
  + *Where can I find more information on the construction timeline for GF trail?*
    - *DOT will find an answer by next month since this is related to the Edmondson Ave construction.*
    - *Participant comment: It will be important to have better coordination in the future so that multiple trails aren’t impacted at once. The simultaneous interruption of Gwynns Falls Trail and Jones Falls Trail and Jones Falls Trail prevented this year’s Tour Dem Parks, Hon.*
* DOT
  + Dockless Vehicles
    - Ridership up halfway between 2020 and 2019 levels
    - In permit application period right now
    - Permit awards will be announced in two weeks, and presentations from new permit holders will be held at the next Dockless Vehicle committee meeting
    - 25 dockless corrals have been installed, and an additional 25 have been identified
    - Stickers explaining their purpose will be rolled out soon
    - *How many bikes can you park in those corrals?*
      * *They’re adaptable to different sizes and needs – generally, four to six bikes and about ten scooters can fit*
    - *Are people using the corrals?*
      * *Yes. Especially near the water, where the placement was done in collaboration with Waterfront Partnership*
    - *Have you been in contact with the Fells Point Market Street folks who are wanting to increase bike accessibility near outdoor dining?* 
      * *There have been a number of requests down there, which we are working through*
    - *Participant comment: Can we get bike routes, parking, and stuff onto Google maps? Seattle is doing this.*
      * *Participant offered to contact associates at Seattle DOT to see how this is working.*
  + Bike Contract Progress
    - Contract advertised, closes June 2nd
      * *Are all of the REP projects being designed/installed through this contract?*
        + *If there are opportunities to install earlier, we’ll take them.*
  + Slow Streets – Survey being re-released to focus on under-reached neighborhoods

1. Miscellaneous Business

* Planning commissioner presented idea of Esri Hub page for hosting a community calendar that allows crowdsourcing, hosting infrastructure data, and ride geography in one place
  + It would also be possible to embed Bikemore’s calendar into the DOT-hosted website
* *Commissioner comment: Follow up is needed on the various Commission DEI goals*
  + *Consult with the people already doing the critique, such as Dr. Brown. Don’t repeat mistakes.*
  + *Planning Department representative mentioned that topics similar to this might be the subject for a fellowship or internship.* 
    - *Planning Department must engage people outside of the City bureaucracy, and outside of the City, to highlight what effective processes look like, and the consequences of poor engagement.*
  + *Vice Chair willing to lead a subcommittee on this topic, and measures to prevent gentrification coming along with transportation and other investments.* 
    - *Jay O’Connor, Austin Davis, and Jeff LaNoue expressed interest*
* Next Meeting date June 30th, 4-6 p.m.