

Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Monthly Meeting, Monday August 19, 2013

Present: Jerry King (Chair), James L. Durham (Vice Chair), Jonathan Krall (Secretary), Scott Anderson, Larry D. Huffman, Jake Jakubek, Dave Levy, Bradley Rawls
Not present: Steve Behler, Maitland Bottoms, Amos Desjardins, Bruce Dwyer, Michael Menchel, Eric Wagner, Elizabeth Wright
Guests: Randy Dingwell, David Kaplan, Jessica Shen
City: Hillary Poole, Sgt. Jerry Newcomb (sitting in for Lt. Mark Bergin)

Secretary's report and minutes. Minutes from the two previous meetings were approved mid-meeting, when a quorum was achieved, via motion (Huffman, Anderson)

Report from Sgt. Newcomb: Sgt. Newcomb reported that one vehicle/cyclists crash was called in but no report was filed. Red-light camera program is moving forward. At the request of representatives of a local condo, the Alexandria Police Department is once again registering bicycles for a 25 cent fee (the condo has a requirement that bicycles be registered and asked them to do so). Registration is optional as per recent legal update, but the APD will still do so upon request.

Report from Carrie Sanders (delivered in advance via e-mail):

- Bicycle code changes adopted. Police will come back to City Council with changes to the section regarding bicycle dealers.
- Bridge demolition scheduled to begin summer/fall 2013 over Four Mile Run near Potomac Avenue, which will affect Four Mile Run Trail in Arlington and a trail detour will be in place in Arlington during the demolition. Prior to demolition, trail connection will be built on the north side of Four Mile Run at Potomac Avenue where goat path is currently.
- Capital BikeShare: presentations to Transportation Commission (June 5), Environmental Policy Commission (July 15), and Board of Architectural Review (July 10) eight stations scheduled for installation in 2013.
- Chambliss Crossing: Culvert installation underway. Pending weather conditions, crossing is scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer. (Dedication scheduled?)
- Potomac Yard Trail is making progress and the section between Potomac Avenue and Braddock Road is scheduled to be completed in 2013.

Report from Hillary Poole:

Hillary gave her own report as well as information on Carrie Sanders' work

Reports

- Bike-Friendly Community application has been submitted.
- CaBi report on first year to be produced this Fall. Public meetings for the 8-station expansion will get going soon.

Pedestrian and intersection upgrades

- Rt 1 and Potomac Ave intersection will be re-designed to remove the island-separated right-hand turn.
- South Pickett St pedestrian upgrades being designed
- Stultz Rd traffic calming being installed
- Powhatan/Slater's loop repair is scheduled (it wasn't responding to traffic)
- Curb cuts on Commonwealth are being upgraded
- Seminary Rd bridge over I-395 is planned with much wider sidewalks than at present (VDOT project)

Bike lanes

- Paving season is underway. Braddock Road is currently being repaved and sharrows will be added. Quantrell Avenue Bike Lanes should be installed this month.
- New bike lanes on Janney's Lane have been installed. Part of this was done using paint (instead of thermoplast) because part of Janney's is scheduled to be repaved soon.
- New bike lane on Quantrell ends at Beauregard, where a bike facility is expected to be added as part of the Beauregard Small Area Plan, if not sooner.
- King St bike lanes between Russel and Janney's are ready to go to public meetings.
- East Monroe lanes involve re-arranging parking without net loss of parking. These are also ready for public meetings.
- West Taylor climbing lane should go in this year
- Jamieson, Grist Mill, Mill Rd to get some bike lanes, but mostly sharrows
- New bike lanes and such are inspected by an intern, but feedback is invited.

Trails

- Potomac Yard Trail should open by the end of 2013
- Hoofs Run work ongoing
- Chamblis trail crossing should be done late Summer; Chamblis St work to guide bikes onto trail there should be done this Fall.
- More wayfinding signs have gone in.

Bike parking

- The Bike Corral in front of Spokes Bike Shop was approved by Traffic and Parking Board and will be installed in July or August.
- More bike parking added: 4 more racks in Del Ray, 17 more racks in Old Town, parking corral at Mt Vernon and Four Mile Rd partially installed (and pedestrian improvements there almost done).
- Bike parking near BRT discussed.

BPAC Charter:

We discussed a proposed update to the BPAC Charter the main effect of which is to reduce the quorum requirement from 1/2 to 1/3 of the membership (from 8 to 5, at present). The other big change is that people can now be designated "Emeritus Members" of BPAC. Such persons are allowed to vote at our meetings whether they are active members or not. This was approved via motion (Anderson, Jakubek).

Bruce Dwyer, Emeritus Member:

Bruce Dwyer was named Emeritus Member via motion (Durham, Anderson). Bruce is presently also a Member.

Public Comments:

- Guest David Kaplan is a member of the Commission on Aging and will be a BPAC member helping us focus on pedestrian accommodations and upgrades. We discussed the brick sidewalk issue, which involved both capital improvements (replacement of sidewalks with more-stable modern sidewalks) and maintenance. We look forward to having David as an active member of BPAC. He has already been added to the bpac-members e-mail list to get him "into the loop."
- Guest Randy Dingwell expressed concerns about the lack of a good bicycle connection between Armistead Park (near Cameron Station) and Pickett St. He is also concerned about sidewalk upgrades on Duke near I-395.

Bicycle Friendly Business Project. Scott Anderson has almost finalized the application form.

BPAC Priorities and Budget Cycle: We discussed three main “asks” for 2014: Old town Bike network (Royal St bike boulevard, Cameron/Prince bike lanes), Brick Sidewalks capital improvements, and the need for a trail connection to Van Dorn Metro. We will work up outreach materials for Council and keep the discussion going on-line, as needed.

National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation project:

Counts are planned for September 12 and 14. We still need a project leader on this so as to spread the workload.

Other items:

- BPAC has a “dropbox” for file sharing. Invitations to tie into the drop box will be sent to all BPAC members. Please be aware that “dragging” a file out of the drop box will, by default, move it rather than copy it. Please instead copy files to your computer and then move the updated file to the dropbox. Add version information to file names if needed.
- Jim has been working on business outreach. He will keep us posted.
- At the request of former BPAC member Andrea Hamre, Jim has been working to facilitate a meeting of Alexandria women interested in getting more women on bicycles. He will keep us posted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jonathan Krall.