

## **August 7, 2013 Arlington Bike Advisory Committee Meeting**

### **Notes Approved – November 4, 2013**

Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. (1<sup>st</sup> Floor Meeting rooms by the Lobby)

Jakob Wolf-Barnett, Megan Jones, Cory Bilton, Ed Blanton, Dana Bres, Gillian Burgess, Patricia Chaupis, Eric Goodman, Mike Hanna, Cynthia Palmer, Allan Reiter, Randy Swart, Brandon Walsh

Chris Eatough, David Goodman, Dave Kirschner, David Patton

#### **General**

1. New member welcome
2. Adoption of May Minutes

John Chadwick – Walker on the Arlington Trails. Suggested that the trail use in Great Britain has walkers facing the oncoming traffic. He indicated that he was disturbed by cyclists calling or belling their passes. While no vote or poll was taken, the general sense of the ABAC members in attendance did not appear to feel that the approach would work particularly well on the MUT. One strategy included making the trails wider and providing a walkable shoulder on the trails.

Arlington Public Schools (John Chadwick) – The APS will be doing a traffic demand management study for the students and staff for the school system. They find that students who have exercised are more aware of their studies. Arlington County has required that each school perform a transportation demand management study for schools. They expect to have a new school board policy on the development of TDM studies for schools. This will include a survey of students, parents and staff. APS wants to make it easier for parents and staff to not drive to schools.

APS has a grant to pay for a Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) coordinator that is a renewable grant.

Gillian highlighted the fact that school based traffic is a significant portion of the traffic in Arlington County. She said that the SRTS program will help teach the parents through the students. She made a plug for support of the surveys necessary for SRTS and TDM.

George May – Arlington County Facilities Design Center – Discussed the need for bicycle access to the new Arlington Community Center at Columbia Pike and Dinwiddie. They plan to connect the FMR trail to Arlington Mill Drive with a stair and bike trough. This is in addition to a paved trail from FMR about 150 feet from the proposed stairwell. The stairs would be installed where an erosion control structure is currently installed. Comments included painting the trough to help with visibility and the width of the stairs (as the design shows, the stairway is about 30 inches wide).

October BAC Event – Megan discussed an event at the Arlington Cinema and Draffhouse in October. It will include a panel discussion as well as the movie. The event will be on Thursday, 10 October. Megan wanted to know if we wanted to invite related organizations to attend and have a booth. There was a suggestion that we run a bike convoy from the Courthouse. The concept was to have short presentations by a number of people/groups.

Jakob said that he would like to see the ABAC work with Arlington County to move the needle on cycling issues. He proposed the ABAC have four work groups to specifically target the Police, County Staff/County Board, Arlington Public Schools, and Butts on Bikes. The discussion included expanding the County Staff/County Board group to include Federal Partners. DG said that Arlington County had a Federal Liaison on staff.

Several members of the ABAC commented on ramps which were difficult to navigate with longer wheel base bikes. Issues included width, attack angle, and header curbs.

## Staff Updates

### BikeArlington Update (submitted by in advance by Tim)

#### Arlington County Fair this weekend

BikeArlington will be tabling Friday 1 to 8, Saturday 11 to 8, Sunday 11 to 5. Handing out bike maps and swag, talking to people about biking in Arlington, signing up people for BikeArlington e-newsletter, promoting upcoming bike events and having fun with our photo booth. We do have some volunteers already (thanks to those that have signed up!) but we could use a few more for Saturday and Sunday afternoons (let us know at [info@BikeArlington.com](mailto:info@BikeArlington.com)).

#### BikeArlington Ladies Night, Sept 4

Location is Mind Your Body Oasis Yoga Studio in Crystal City.

<http://zenaroundthecity.eventbrite.com/>

Focus is females that are interested in getting into biking. Themes are biking, yoga and fun.

#### Arlington Fun Ride, Oct 5

Registration now open: <http://www.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1080928>

ASKS: Sign up, get your friends to sign up, volunteer. This is the Arlington ride and with the absence of BikeDC, it should be larger than it was in the past.

#### BikeArlington documentary premiere Oct 10, Arlington Cinema and Draffthouse

15 to 20 minute movie covering Arlington's efforts to become more bike friendly. The good, the bad, the success, the challenges. There will also be a panel discussion on how to make biking boom in the region.

#### Two Wheel Tuesdays fall schedule

Open to everyone, but the focus for outreach for these 2 months will be employees of Rosslyn and Courthouse areas.

Time of each event is 5pm to 6:30pm.

DATES	TOPIC	LOCATION
Sep 3	Bike Types and Maintenance	Courthouse Plaza 2100 Clarendon Blvd Room – Cherry 109 Arlington, VA
Sep 10	Bike to Work	
Sep 17	Savvy Cycling Tips	

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Oct 1	Bike Types and Maintenance	1501 Wilson Blvd 11 <sup>th</sup> Floor – Mobility Lab Arlington, VA
Oct 8	Bike to Work	
Oct 15	Savvy Cycling Tips	

#### Bike trips on Video. "A to B for XYZ"

A new project for BikeArlington is a series of rider point-of-view videos of things to do by bike in Arlington. For example, ride from Clarendon to Columbia Pike to watch a movie at the Arlington Cinema and Draffthouse. These will be filmed and edited over the fall. The first few will be released this October, with ongoing releases periodically after that.

### Arlington Bike Rack Crowdsourcing Map

BikeArlington is working on a new online tool for the public to inventory bike racks in Arlington and the region. The tool will make it easy for people to log existing bike racks including photos, request a rack, view all racks, and will also have a gaming aspect to encourage use. The map is currently in beta testing with a target release later this year.

### **Bike Count**

The annual bike count will be held on September 12 and 14 in Arlington and Alexandria. This will serve to expand on the automatic counters

### **Individual Staff Remarks**

David Goodman

Staff is going to be starting revising the bike component of the Master Transportation Plan. Will likely take about a year and will include TC and BAC input. Randy Swart asked about a section on curb cuts

This fall, staff will be developing input to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Suggested the BAC should look at the App B to the CIP to identify missing projects and priorities.

David Kirschner

Street update. 2d Street South has new improvements. Veitch Street near the Courthouse to Lee Highway.