

Arlington Bike Advisory Committee
February 3, 2014 Meeting – Notes for Review and Comment

2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201

~~Jakob Wolf-Barnett, Megan Jones, Steve Appel, Cory Bilton, Mark Blacknell, Ed Blanton, Dana Bres, Gillian Burgess, Dan Fisk, Eric Goodman, Mike Hanna, Dwight Hlustick, Cynthia Palmer, Tim Rosato, Randy Swart~~

~~Chris Eatough, David Goodman, Dave Kirschner, David Patton, Kevin Stalica~~

~~Visitors: Beck Nadine (Babes on Bikes), Andrew Rude~~

General

Adoption of March 2014 Notes

Staff Updates and Questions

BikeArlington Update (provided by Chris Eatough in advance)

Bike Outreach Coordinator – Tim reported that they hired Erin Potter as the new outreach coordinator for Bike Arlington.

Jakob Wolf-Barnett asked about the issue of the extra money in the budget for trails maintenance. David Goodman reported that they were working on the issue using the information from the forum.

David Goodman reported that the Parks Department had developed some estimates for the cost for snow removal.

David Goodman reported that there was a ribbon cutting for the new bike counter on the Custis Trail west of the Lynn-Lee intersection. David Patton indicated that the counts were approaching 20K. There was a brief discussion of the value and utility of the counter. The observations were positive.

Gillian suggested that she was told (by Dennis Leach following the presentations in front of the Board on March 19) that he thought the existing plans would address the needs of the cyclists at the Lynn-Lee intersection.

Jakob Wolf-Barnett reported that Chris Slatt observed that the Realize Rosslyn plan did not include any accommodation for cyclists at the Lynn-Lee intersection. Thirteen cyclists were there and seven spoke. The County Board members all indicated that a structural change was necessary.

NPS Presentation

Makayah Royal presented an overview of the project to improve Roosevelt Island parking lot. The NPS wanted to deconflict cyclists, peds and autos. She said that the current trail around the TR Island lot was not consistent with the trail width/shoulder elsewhere. She said they wanted to widen the trail to 9 feet (NPS standard) as it is further south on the MVT.

There was a spirited discussion of the various alternatives.

Alternative 2 didn't seem to protect cyclists as the trail would have been used by motorists.

Alternatives 3 and 4 were dismissed as not being viable.

GB suggested that the conflict was not between cyclists/peds and cars but was actually a conflict between peds and cyclists and that attempts to separate cars and cyclists would likely be ineffective.

The NPS indicated that they would extend the comment period on their website.

Arlington County Bike Boulevards

Christine Simpson (Capital Project Manager with Arlington County) presented on Bike Boulevards. The initial plan was to have four HAWK but a traffic study suggested that there was not the ped traffic to warrant a HAWK. At Glebe/9th, they chose to put in a RRFB.

There was some local pushback on the eastbound route for the 9th Street boulevard. At Glebe and 9th, the route would go north to Ivy, east on 7th and south on Irving. There will be no HAWK at 12th and Walter Reed.

Randy asked about the trail from 12th and Glebe to 12th and Monroe. The condition of the trail was reported as poor. Christine said that if the trail was in bad shape we should let her know so Arlington County can tell the contractor.

David Goodman reports that there are Bike Boulevards in North Arlington in the master plan.

David Goodman provided an update of the repaving of Wilson at Bluemont – David Kirschner reported that they were working on a concept design on a road diet. The neighborhood priorities seem to be sidewalks rather than bike lanes. Jakob Wolf-Barnett asked if there would be an opportunity to provide input.

Chris Slatt indicated that the BAC should get involved with the Arlington County Capital Improvement Plan, which would be released in the near future. David Goodman indicated that the CIP proposal would not have a lot of specificity. Jakob Wolf-Barnett said that we would solicit feedback from the BA Forum as well as the Google Group.

Eric Goodman indicated that the Ped Advisory Committee was concerned about newspaper boxes that were placed randomly at various locations.