

**Arlington Bike Advisory Committee**  
**June 2, 2014 Meeting**  
2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201

Jakob Wolf-Barnett, Cory Bilton, Ed Blanton, Dana Bres, Gillian Burgess, Eric Goodman, Mike Hanna, Dwight Hlustick, Steve Offutt, Cynthia Palmer, Jim Presswood, Allan Reiter, Tim Rosato, Randy Swart

David Goodman, Tim Kelley, Dave Kirschner, David Patton, Kevin Stalica

Visitors: Larry Marcus, Officer Steve Clark (ACPD), William Fuchs

New member welcome

Larry Marcus, Chief, Transportation Engineering and Operations Bureau introduced himself and highlighted the potential for land use planning and transportation. The discussion included outreach to motorists about some of the new traffic control devices (such as HAWK signals). Cynthia Palmer asked him to look at widening the crosswalk at Lynn and Lee. DK reported that the camera at Lynn and Lee did not record, and some indicated that it was inoperative.

Officer Steve Clark attended, representing Lt Green to discuss topics of interest. We had asked Lt Green for details of ACPD patrols on the trails, ACPD participation at BTWD, information on bicycle citations, and awareness for officers and motorists on the new three foot law in Virginia.

Officer Clark indicated that Arlington Police and the Virginia State Police have jurisdiction on Arlington lands. He indicated that ACPD would have primary jurisdiction<sup>1</sup>

They indicated that they patrolled the bike trails a total of 51 hours during the month of April. The motorcycle patrol officers work 0600-2100 and focus on the rush hour periods.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: The National Park Service Director's Guidance 9 (<http://www.nps.gov/policy/DOrders/DOrder9.html>) states "Outside Park Boundaries: The Service is also authorized to use appropriated funds for "Rendering of emergency rescue, fire fighting, and [other] cooperative assistance to nearby law enforcement and fire prevention agencies and for related purposes outside of the National Park System"(16 U.S.C. 1b(1)). Further, insofar as 16 U.S.C. 1b(1) does not confer arrest authority to NPS personnel who act outside park boundaries, State arrest authority is first needed before NPS personnel can enforce State law or engage in law enforcement activity outside national park system boundaries.

This authority will be used in emergency situations, only after first determining that such actions will facilitate the administration of the park or be an effective management tool for obtaining mutual assistance from other agencies. Furthermore, the authority is intended for use only in response to an unexpected occurrence that requires immediate action, which may include one or more of the following:

- Emergency responses such as life or death incidents, serious injury/ fatality accident/ incident scenes, crime scenes involving the protection of human life, officer needs assistance, threats to health or safety of the public.
- Emergency or law enforcement incidents directly affecting visitor safety or resource protection.
- Probable-cause felonies and felonies committed in the presence of and observed by USPR, SA or USPP.
- Misdemeanors committed in the presence of USPR, SA or USPP that present an immediate threat to the health and safety of the public.

The Service may not assume law enforcement responsibility outside of park boundaries (*except in two exceptions relating to the USPP who under the District of Columbia Code 5-201 (2001) have the same police powers as the Metropolitan Police of the District of Columbia and were given police authorities under the District of Columbia Code 5-206 (2001) enabling them to act as police officers on all Federal reservations in nine counties and one city adjacent to the District of Columbia*) in lieu of the legitimate responsibilities of nearby agencies. Cooperative assistance rendered to nearby law enforcement agencies outside of park boundaries should be limited to only those actions or efforts that support or assist those agencies."

On BTWD, they had officers working static locations at places where the highest incidence of accidents.

There was a question about the fines associated with citations. Officer Clark said that he would check on those fines.

Cory Bilton asked if the ACPD could tie the bicycle citations to accidents. The discussion highlighted a problem with the citation form used in Virginia does not explicitly include bicycle information so it is often added in the comments.

Officer Clark said that they have a traffic analyst that performs analysis of traffic accidents. We asked if we could see publically releasable info on accidents.

### **Ritch Viola – Update to Master Transportation Plan Bike Element & Neighborhood Complete Streets Program**

He discussed the need to develop complete streets, where Arlington County would identify and implement actions necessary to do the items necessary to make roadways in the county more accommodating and effective. They are using the traffic calming workgroup to facilitate the candidate efforts.

The public engagement that will be integrated into the complete streets program will include public outreach, the advisory committee, and then the community and county board.

Ritch said that he anticipated a budget of \$800-900K annually, much less than the neighborhood conservation program.

Ritch highlighted the need to update the bicycle component of the Arlington County Master Transportation Plan which was issued in 2006. He said that he wanted to work with the BAC to discuss the process for the effort. He said that he saw the BAC is the primary organization on the topic.

Randy Swart suggested that in the past, the BAC had exercised great freedom in our engagement on the earlier document.

David Goodman indicated that the BAC should be working on identifying the highest priority projects and topics.

David Goodman indicated that the Open Space plan had identified some potential new bike paths and the bicycle component would help ensure the two plans are coordinated.

Jakob Wolf-Barnett asked if any BAC members were interested in working on the effort, to let him know.

Gillian Burgess asked about the SRTS program and emphasized the need to integrate it into the plan.

### **BTWD Recap and BikeArlington Update (provided by Tim Kelley in advance)**

**Bike and Walk to School Day** – Arlington participated in Bike and Walk to School Day again this year on May 7th. We worked with ACPS Safe Routes to School Coordinator Kyle Lukacs to make

sure that all county school were participating. We gave out stickers and other fun giveaways to students who walked and rode their bikes to school.

More info on Bike and Walk to School Day: <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/biking-in-arlington/bike-to-school/bike-to-school-day/>

Blog post: <http://www.bikearlington.com/pages/news-events/blog/arlington-is-all-in-for-bikewalk-to-school-day/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BikeArlington/photos/a.210531322348725.47326.205971902804667/627150980686755/?type=1>

**Bike to Work Day** – We had a soggy bike to work day on May 16<sup>th</sup>, with heavy rain starting in the early morning and tapering off just as the event was coming to a close. While some pit stops closed or postponed, Arlington’s pit stops at Rosslyn, Ballston, Crystal City, Columbia Pike, and East Falls Church stayed open. Of the approximately 2500 attendees registered in Arlington, we estimated that probably about 40% braved the rain to come out. We had many of the t-shirts left over and made them available for pickup at the Arlington County Commuter Stores. We also had a number of very nice prizes left over and will be running a photo-commuter contest for anyone who registered at the BikeArlington run stops but couldn’t attend. (there were about 16,000 total registrants for the 80 pit stops in the region). Tim estimated that the participation was about 30-40% of what they anticipated.

Steve Offutt suggested that for the future, the area should discuss policies for cancellation/postponement of BTWD due to weather.

Here are some galleries on Facebook of the event:

Rosslyn: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.634207836647736.1073741855.205971902804667&type=1>

Ballston: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.634202926648227.1073741854.205971902804667&type=1>

**National Bike Challenge** – The NBC is going on again this year, put on by the League of American Bicyclists. This friendly competition aims to get more people riding more often. It started at the beginning on May and has just wrapped it’s first month of competition. The “Washington Area All Stars” team, which anyone in the DC region can join, is ranked in second place nationally. Arlington, which has its own community team currently has 176 riders, who have ridden more than 31,000 miles since May 1<sup>st</sup>. Website: [www.nationalbikechallenge.org](http://www.nationalbikechallenge.org)

### Upcoming Events:

Elly in Arlington – Elly Blue, author of *Everyday Cycling* and *Bikenomics* is on a national book tour and is coming to Arlington on June 17<sup>th</sup> to cook a delicious vegan and gluten free dinner, talk about her books and share some of her favorite films. The event will be held in conjunction with the Mobility Lab. Unfortunately tickets sold out almost immediately. More details

here: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/dinner-bikes-with-elly-blue-tickets-11530972449>

Artcrank - we are currently looking into hosting Artcrank in Arlington this fall. Artcrank is billed as a “poster party for bike people” in which local artists are commissioned to come up with creative bike theme artwork which is then made available to the public for sale for one night only. We are currently looking at the Artisphere to host and are still working out dates. This event tours internationally and will be coming to the DC area for the first time this year. More details here: <http://artcrank.com/>

### Jim Presswood - Arlington advocacy initiative

Jim discussed a need for an advocacy effort within Arlington County. The BAC has specifically not taken some positions with respect to advocacy (because of our charter). He will be getting together with others at the Lost Dog on Columbia Pike on 9 June at 7 pm. Jim wanted to discuss how to

coordinate the advocacy efforts with the BAC. Initially, the effort would focus on Arlington Blvd and Columbia Pike.

### **County response to BAC letter with suggestion for pilot program at Lee & Lynn**

Jakob Wolf-Barnett discussed the BAC letter to Arlington County on Lee and Lynn. The County responded to the earlier letter suggesting that they couldn't do anything because of the potential for backups on the offramp.

Gillian Burgess asked if there was any money into the Lee and Lynn in the Arlington County Capital Improvement Program. David Goodman reported that the preliminary efforts to study the issue and they are developing a scope of work for a study.

David Patton has provided some information on counts at the intersection to Larry Marcus and indicated that remains a priority for Arlington County staff.

Gillian Burgess highlighted the need for enforcement at Lynn and Lee. Officer Clark indicated that he hadn't been personally involved with enforcement at the intersection but would

### **Asks of ACPD**

Jakob Wolf-Barnett asked the group for the next set of asks for the ACPD. The discussion included asking for the plan on enforcement for Lee and Lynn,

### **New Chair election at July meeting**

Jakob will be stepping down as chair this summer and asked members to consider serving as chair.