

**Arlington Bike Advisory Committee**  
**6 March 2016 Meeting**  
**2100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201**  
**Final Notes - Approved by the BAC 3 April 2017**

Gillian Burgess, Megan Jones, Cory Bilton, Dana Bres, Eric Goodman, Dwight Hlustick, Cynthia Palmer, Chris Slatt, Randy Swart

County Staff: Capt Dave Dailey (ACPD), Henry Dunbar, David Goodman, Dan Nabors (DES Transportation) David Patton, Kevin Stalica

Guests: Carol Burnette (East Falls Church)

**Call to Order; Introductions; Approve minutes**

February minutes were approved.

**ACPD - Capt Dave Dailey**

Capt Dailey said that they are developing a new (updated) training guide for the ACPD officers about bike safety. Henry Dunbar said that BikeArlington was going to go out with the ACPD as part of a training effort. This will be used for the Safe Bike Initiative which is scheduled for 27 March to 7 April. Capt Dailey reported that Lt Dennis was coordinating with Tim Kelley and Cory Bilton. He said that the training was being updated to

The first priority for enforcement is failure to yield and the second was blocking bike lanes.

There was some discussion of speed limits, specifically on Crystal Drive. There was some side discussion about whether Arlington County was permitted (by Virginia) to set a speed limit at 15 mph.

Cory Bilton asked whether the ACPD was providing training to the judges to help them understand the laws. Capt Dailey said they did that last year and would share the information with the Commonwealth Attorney and District Court Judges.

Gillian Burgess asked about the use of bike lanes for parking (a reference to the web based effort that Chris Slatt did). Capt Dailey asked for the data and time periods (7 am – 7 pm). Chris Slatt indicated he would send the link to the site he created. Capt Dailey said that there were only two officers generally in the Crystal City area. He said that enforcement may be delayed as the officers could be elsewhere doing something else. He encouraged cyclists to call the ACPD non-emergency number (703-558-2222) to report problems.

Capt Dailey reported that there have been six auto-bike accidents this year. He said that the motorist was at fault for five of the accidents and the cyclist was at fault in one accident.

Captain Dailey said that the ACPD Parking Aides are encouraged to ask motorists to move out of the bike lanes and could issue citations.

Capt Dailey said that Arlington County had provided funding for enhanced enforcement at Lynn and Lee for one year (for the period ending 30 June). The subsequent effort (beginning in Fall 2016) was funded by the ACPD pulling resources from other program areas. Gillian Burgess asked if the ACPD was engaged with the planning for the NPS project at Roosevelt Island. He indicated that coordination was not always seamless. He said that he meets with the traffic engineering staff on a monthly basis.

Dana Bres asked if the ACPD officers were aware of the jurisdictional boundaries around the intersection of Lynn and Lee. Capt Dailey indicated that, generally, there are areas in Arlington where jurisdictions overlap, offering the example that ACPD has jurisdiction 300 yards into the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria PD has jurisdiction one mile into Arlington County. The jurisdiction of the USPP in Arlington was not specifically addressed.

Cynthia Palmer asked if there was any evidence that bike lane painting or signage actually reduced the incidence of blocked bike lanes. There was some discussion of expanding the web based data process (that was done earlier by Chris Slatt) to include other types of bike lanes (protected and buffered). Capt Dailey indicated the ACPD officers were expected to use discretion regarding enforcement of vehicles (particularly delivery trucks) in bike lanes. He said that reports of autos parking in bike lanes could result in a letter from the ACPD to the motorist. There was some discussion of the potential problem with having bike lanes blocked with respect to encouraging people to cycle (if a cyclist is forced into traffic, they may choose not to cycle). Capt Dailey suggested that he would examine strategies to allow cyclists to report problems with motorists in the bike lanes. He indicated that the process of generating letters to motorists was not automated and did require some administrative effort.

Gillian Burgess asked if there was a difference between bike lanes where parking was permitted and those where parking was not permitted. There was some discussion about bike lanes being blocked when they were buffered and protected.

### **Update of Bike Element of MTP - David Goodman**

David Goodman announced that invitations to join the working group would be issued in the next week or two for members of the county's committees and commissions. He indicated that the chair of the working group has been appointed.

There was discussion of the introductory report, which would serve as an introduction to cycling in Arlington County. David Patton said that their intent was to make it a living document.

## **Banneker Park**

Ms. Burnett asked to discuss the various proposals for Banneker Park. She specifically asked about a proposal to construct a bridge across Four Mile Run to connect the W&OD to Tuckahoe Street (the N-S street on the eastern side of the neighborhood). David Goodman indicated that although there had been a number of options offered in planning efforts, such a bridge was not being actively considered.

David Goodman indicated the meeting that DES had anticipated with the neighbors had not yet occurred. Kevin Stalica indicated a meeting from Parks was anticipated. David Goodman indicated he would be meeting with Parks to discuss concepts.

Ms. Barnett indicated the community had heard that some modifications would involve a new bridge. Kevin indicated that there was no effort dedicated to a bridge as there was no funding for the bridge effort. She asked about whether there was a recommendation from the BAC with respect to the park design. There was no official recommendation from the BAC up to the time of the meeting.

The consensus was to discuss the topic at the April meeting.

## **Capital projects on trails/Custis Trail Undulations - Kevin Stalica**

For the undulation, Kevin reports that the consultant had completed borings in the vicinity of the undulation. The borings show that the undulation is bounded by a couple of structural elements associated with the retaining wall and the soil has been compacted between the elements. The recommendation is to excavate down about two feet and replace the subgrade and asphalt. Kevin said that the cost estimates were expected about mid-month. Gillian Burgess expressed some concern that if the costs of repairs exceeded the budgeted amount, the project might be delayed for a year if the full funding was not available.

Kevin said that the Parks capital staff are the best to discuss the Capital projects. He indicated that he has asked the Parks capital staff to attend the April BAC meeting.

Kevin indicated that vegetation control will begin on the Custis and would start on 8 March. Following work on the Custis, it will progress to other locations. This will put work crews on the trails.

Kevin reported that work orders had been issued to install replacement lights under the bridges along Four Mile Run.

There was discussion among the BAC about the recent WABA award to Arlington County Parks for their efforts that resulted in the establishment of a trail maintenance program. The BAC decided to write the County Manager to commend Arlington County for their efforts and the resulting award.

## **Custis improvements in Rosslyn - David Patton**

David Patton discussed the utility work that would be starting on Lee that is the first phase of the larger VDOT changes to Lee Highway. The Custis will be diverted to the south side of Lee (just west of Lynn) for a time. This has been posted to the forum.

## **Quincy PBL Update - Dan Nabors**

Project is moving along. DES and DPR have been working together to address the needs of the cyclists along the park. There are some questions about how to fund the changes, particularly the changes needed for the curb. The paving of section along N. Quincy (at the park) should be deferred pending the completion of the park construction effort. He indicated that they hadn't yet identified the follow-on impacts that would fall out of moving the curbs. He expected that an agreement would be reached within a month. Gillian Burgess asked when the funding would be needed. She wanted to know if the BAC should engage the Arlington County Manager about ensuring funding is available in the current fiscal year. Dan Nabors indicated that paving and striping money was available but they didn't know about potential underground conflicts. He said that they were trying to avoid utilities to hold the costs down.

## **County Manager's Proposed Budget**

Gillian Burgess reported that the Arlington County Manager proposed a budget that would not increase the tax burden on the residents (the baseline budget) and then two additional budgets with \$0.01 increases (one for schools and the other for WMATA). The board asked the County Manager to look at decreasing the baseline budget by one percent. The County Manager has not responded to that request.

Gillian reported that the County Manager proposed to increase DES staff and assign them responsibility for trail lighting.

David Goodman indicated that the decal fee funding continues to support some aspects of the counter program but has been reduced over the years. Some of the decal fee funding had been diverted to support other bike related efforts.

Gillian indicated that the Arlington County staff was working quite diligently to support the budget development.

## **Rosslyn Street planning workshop – Dana Bres/Dan Nabors**

There was a Rosslyn street planning session hosted by Arlington County and the Rosslyn BID on Saturday, 4 March. The goal was to identify strategies to improve the intersections in Rosslyn. A number of construction projects are underway. The Arlington County Sector Plan for Rosslyn anticipates making Lynn and Fort Myer two way. Arlington County and the BID wanted to come up with some ideas that could be worked quickly and implemented this year, prior to the development and implementation of the Sector Plan. Dan Nabors reported that some of the issues identified would take

some time to implement (and possibly more study). Randy Swart asked about improving the connection between Clarendon Blvd and Lynn Street. There was some discussion about how to improve the bicycle connectivity between Wilson and Lee Highway.

### **Quincy & 15th St N – David Goodman/Dan Nabors**

Project has been moving along. David Goodman suggested the design was largely complete and the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> and Quincy would be changed to reduce travel speed as well as a refuge island on Quincy. They will be installing RRFB on the crosswalk across Quincy (for the Custis spur). The Arlington County plan is to install buffered bike lanes (with flex bollards and stripes). They said that they were required to coordinate with VDOT as the bridge crossed a VDOT roadway. Gillian Burgess asked about the potential to coordinate with W&L High School to get the students involved with a senior gift.

Cynthia Palmer asked if the grates along the northbound lanes on Quincy could be realigned to prevent wheels from getting trapped.

### **Washington Blvd bike lanes – David Goodman**

David Goodman reported that he participated in a public meeting on the bike lanes and that many of the comments tended to oppose the project because of the loss of parking. Comments are being collected until 8 March 2017 (to David Goodman).

Gillian Burgess attended a recent meeting and reported that many of the observations from the public were pro-parking. David Goodman indicated that there was some anxiety about the potential that motorists would be driving around the neighborhood looking for a place to park.

Gillian Burgess indicated that the Washington Boulevard enhancements were appropriate for a letter to the Arlington County Manager. The BAC agreed.

### **BikeArlington – Submitted in advance by Henry Dunbar**

Major initiatives from Bike Arlington:

Happened

- Mardi Gras Parade - Feb 28 - BikeArlington, WalkArlington, PAL Ambassadors, Phoenix Bikes and CarFree Diet teamed up to ride/march in the pouring rain, again.
- [PALentines Day](#) – PAL Ambassadors created Bike Valentines and distributed people around the County we wanted to thank
- Feel the Heritage Festival in Nauck. Feb. 25. Tabled and spoke to scores of Nauck residents.

- [Feb. Bike Counts](#) were 2.5 times normal.

#### Happening

- 55+ Learn to Ride Class - March 10 - scheduled with Arlington Parks and Recreation
- Pi(e) day ride, March 14.
- Bike to Work Day Planning has begun – all past pit stops have been confirmed.
- Also working with APS on Bike and Walk to School Day.
- ActiveFest happening again, June 10 in Clarendon.
- Bike Education Classes (Learn to Ride, City Cycling and Community Ride) [schedule](#) set for spring
- [Youth Bike Summit](#) – Oct 6-8 – Excellent conference coming to our community.
- Email any youth-focused orgs or excellent speakers that should be included for outreach to erin....@bikearlington.com
- County Staff Bike Tours – With Traffic Engineering, Parks & Rec and ACPD starting later this month.
- Look for a website redesign later this month.

Questions about these or any other BikeArlington initiatives, email [henry.dunbar@bikearlington.com](mailto:henry.dunbar@bikearlington.com)