

**ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY  
BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

**May 14, 2018**

The Athens-Clarke County Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan Committee met at a public meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at 780 Barber Street, Athens, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tyler Dewey, Tony Eubanks, Robert Holden, Daisy Mathis, Carol Myers, Eric Nesmith, Mark Ralston, Ken Sherman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Cook, Dodd Ferrelle, David Oygunsanya, Julius Thomas

STAFF PRESENT: Sandy Beasley, Tim Griffeth, Drew Raessler

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting were not approved at the April 9, 2018 meeting due to lack of a quorum. Mr. Eubanks moved to approve the March 12<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup> minutes as written. Mr. Holden seconded and the minutes of both meetings were approved unanimously.

Mr. Sherman acknowledged visitors Daniel Sizemore, Leisure Services; Kent Kilpatrick, Leisure Services; Andrew Saunders, Sustainability Office; and Nat Kuykendall, Greenway Commission.

#### Public Engagement Efforts

Mr. Eubanks said that the West Broad event was dismal with very low attendance. Ms. Meyers noted that the Firefly booth at the Marigold Festival was busy. Upcoming events include the Hot Corner Festival on June 9<sup>th</sup> and the West Fest on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Georgia Square Mall parking lot. A Committee presence is requested for these upcoming events.

Ms. Meyers suggested holding standard public input meetings also. With the time crunch to present the final plan at the July 10<sup>th</sup> Mayor & Commission Work Session and adoption on August 7<sup>th</sup>, the cut-off point would be June 26<sup>th</sup>. Several suggestions were made, including holding drop-in public meetings inside the mall, at an east side location, and at the next BPMP meeting. The general public should be given a chance to see what will be presented to the Mayor and Commission. The Committee was encouraged to use their networks to notify citizens of upcoming meetings and events. Mr. Kilpatrick advised that when Leisure Services changed the type of their presentation type meetings to drop-in sessions with maps and staff available for each map their attendance tripled. The drawback to drop-in sessions is that participants do not have the opportunity to hear all comments.

One concern noted was that the on-line maps are difficult to discern. Mr. Sherman suggested a statement on each map such as “this map shows the incidence of crashes in ACC; note that most of them happen at these areas” or “here are the proposal of routes that are to be modified in order to create a coherent plan.” Mr. Boughman said that the on-line final map will be broken down into individual sheets on a much larger scale and will include a legend. Another factor is that TDG is not done with the implementation plan.

There was concern expressed by a Commissioner that there was no west side representation on this Committee and outreach to the west side was lacking.

#### Progress Update – Toole Design Group

Mr. Sherman noted that he has e-mailed to the Committee a draft of the first few sections of the Toole Design Group plan. He requested that responses be provided to him by May 21, 2018. He will forward the responses to Mr. Boughman and Mr. Raessler. Mr. Sherman pointed out that a portion of the first section only mentions bicycles with no mention of pedestrians.

A follow-up to the Safety Campaign has been written and awaiting review by Mr. Boughman. The Committee should receive it in a week or so.

Mr. Boughman said that TDG will organize an interactive public meeting including a very large wall map using a series of 36 x 48 sheets. Participants can make notations directly on this map. Mr. Holden suggested using overlay maps that will include the current state of the routes, approved Firefly and Greenway Trails to be constructed, and collective data. The date and time of this public meeting will soon be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

The next meeting of this Committee will be Monday, June 11th at 6:00 p.m. at 780 Barber Street.