

BAC Meeting Minutes

Location: Pedalworks

Date: 2/12/18

Attendees: Adrian Holtzman, Zach King, Mary Burritt, Mike Pilolla, Jim Powers, Karen Dickerson, Rob Dickerson, Leslie Brown, Kurt Holtzclaw, Jillian Guinn

Overall goals:

- 1). Steer and promote “global” vision for biking in Hickory and regionally.**
- 2). Implement beltway - private arm. (function of the group)**
- 3). Promote cycling coordinator - public arm.**
 - Budget driven
 - Pursue obtain grants
 - Time-frame? The more the beltway is implemented, the more it will be needed.
 - How do we create awareness and recruit the right kind of person?
- 4). Primary organization for cycling infrastructure development and improvements - for Hickory to eventually become a "bike-friendly" designation.**
 - Those involved need to have a vision and passion
 - BAC needs to be a sustainable organization
- 5). Inform public by website (minutes, events, votes) in cooperation with HVC.**

Update and Overview:

City has met with Alta Planning + Design (John Cock). State-wide consultant for planning and health across the country. Discussed where we've been, where we want to go, and next steps. The most immediate steps are the need for a very comprehensive and pedestrian friendly bike plan. The plan will affect policy and elevate the conversation to make sure decisions support the plan of active transportation, active infrastructure.

In 2005 a bike and pedestrian plan was created- regional plan is a great regional connector, great district wide, but not city. Flat rate will be \$70,000 including ALTA. Funding support coming (in part) from LiveWell Catawba sources via Zack King.

Invest in plan. Talk to partners. Get public input. Alta will create plan based off of where we currently are and what people want. Council will then have the opportunity to vote on this plan and make it a policy.

The beltway is party of the global assessment and its own separate project (BAC focus). The comprehensive part will include the beltway and overlap with the bond, parks, and schools. “Complete Streets” is essential. Public-private partnerships are essential.

BAC is under "Friends of Hickory" - utilizing non-profit status.
Donations to FoHKY can aid BAC and other organizations.
No direct fund-raising needed for BAC.

Organization.

Offices:

- President- Adrian
- Vice President- Mary Burritt
- Secretary- Jillian Guinn

Board commitments

- 1-2 year commitment

Voting

- 5-15 people
- Simple majority
- Additional "advisory" non-voting members permitted

Communications

- Meetings will only happen when relevant (expect approximately 5-6/yr and as needed)
- Communication via email and website
- Potentially model after: <https://salisbury.md/bicycling> as a reference

Questions/discussion

Upcoming Events

Follow-up city beltway meeting with interested BAC members to be scheduled in early March.

Those available encouraged to attend.

Immediate focus on website development

Bike Walk NC: October 19th-20th, Raleigh NC

Bike Alliance: ?

Complete Streets NCDOT: ?

Next Meeting: TBD