

Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
February 9, 2021

Members Present:

Carol Stein, Pender County
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists
Mo Linqvist, Town of Kure Beach
Joe Boyd, Town of Belville
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Karin Mills, NC Board of Transportation
Carly Wilson, UNCW
Duncan McCabe, City of Wilmington
Nick Cannon, TCM Coordinator
Carly Wilson, New Hanover County
Ann Carbone, Town of Leland
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO

Staff and Guests Present

Zachary Manfredi, WMPO
Terry Landsell, Bike Walk NC
Tara Duckworth, New Hanover County Parks and Gardens
Dylan McDonnell, New Hanover County Planning

1. Call to order

- C. Stein called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion by Nick Cannon
- Second by Duncan McCabe
- Unanimous approval of the agenda

3. Public Comment Period

- None

4. Approval of the Minutes from December 8th, 2020 meeting

- Edits to the minutes from December 2020 include correction of the spelling of Katie Ryan's name and adding Dylan McDonnell from New Hanover County as a guest.
- Motion by Al Schroetel
- Motion seconded by Duncan McCabe
- Unanimous approval of the minutes from October 13, 2020

5. Presentations

- A. Lorenzo presented on the Rail Trail Master Plan. The Wilmington Rail Trail Master Plan is a collaborative process to develop a vision and actionable strategies for improving the rail corridor between 3rd Street and McRae Street in Downtown Wilmington

6. Old Business

- Z. Manfredi updated the committee on the bicycle and pedestrian project database
- N. Cannon lead a discussion of creating an ordinance for alternative transportation-oriented development. N. Cannon presented a collection of current local development ordinance as well as development ordinance from larger and more bicycle and pedestrian friendly cities in the United States.
- WMPO staff encouraged committee members to recommend bike/ped friendly cities for staff to research. Staff will consolidate language of these ordinances and provide a recommendation to the committee of what to include in a model ordinance for the WMPO region.
- Staff had no update on the item of Gary Shell Cross City Trail signage repair
- N. Cannon shared that the Wilmington Bicycle Friendly Community Taskforce will hold its first meeting later in the month of February. C. Stein requested minutes from this meeting.

7. New Business

- N. Cannon asked for committee members to volunteer for the Go Coast Commuter Challenge Subcommittee which will explore opportunities to improve the annual Go Coast Commuter Challenge.
- The committee proposed to postpone the 2021 River to Sea Bike Ride that traditionally takes place in the first week of May until the fall
- Steve Whitney made a motion to postpone the River to Sea Bike Ride until fall 2021.
- Motion was seconded by Katie Ryan
- Motion passed unanimously

8. Updates

- N. Cannon gave an update to the committee on the update to the Short-Range TDM Plan *Cape Fear Change in Motion 2020* which is planned to be presented to the WMPO Board for consideration in spring 2021
- Al Schroetel shared the Cape Fear Cyclists plan to coordinate more “gravel rides” due to their growing popularity
- Net BPAC meeting April 13th, 2021

9. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Duncan McCabe
- Seconded by Ann Carbone
- Motion passed unanimously