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Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
December 12, 2023

Members Present:

Carol Stein, Pender County
Rodney Kidd, Town of Carolina Beach
Katie Ryan, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Adrienne Harrington, Town of Belville
Karin Mills, City of Wilmington
Brad Cannon, Wave Transit
Mo Linqvist, Town of Kure Beach
Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists
Steve Zinder, UNCW
Emma Stogner, WMPO
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Duncan McCabe, City of
Wilmington
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT
Steve Whitney, Brunswick County
Nick Cannon, NCBOT

Staff and Guests Present

Brianna D'Itri, Wave Transit
Carolyn Caggia, WMPO
Greer Shivers, WMPO
Vanessa Lacer, WMPO
Bijan Salehi
Wayne Marquino
Karlene Ellis-Vitalis

1. **Call to Order**
 - C. Stein called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm and roll was called.
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - Motion to approve was made by Duncan McCabe.
 - Motion was seconded by Mo Linquist.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Public Comment Period**
 - Bijan Salehi spoke about connections of Navaho trail to Carolina Beach Road and that Masonboro trail should lead to monkey junction. We need more sidewalks regionally. He had many concerns about infrastructure with repaving and more streetlights in Masonboro area.
 - Wayne Marquino spoke about needed signage at NC 74 drawbridge to Wrightsville Beach. "If you want people to walk their bikes on the sidewalk the sign should be in plain English saying walk your bike, with a graphic being good too." Directional guidance for people on bikes how to get over the bridge. Requested consistent signage especially for people with kids on bikes. Mentioned problematic parking at the beach so people bike as an alternative. NCDOT consistent signs on all 4 sides of bridge.
4. **Approval of minutes from October 2023 Meeting**
 - Motion made to approve by Carol Stein.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Presentations**
 - Carolyn Caggia presented on the WMPO's Commuter Friendly Employer toolkit, sharing strategies to reduce the impact of the upcoming Cape Fear Memorial Bridge closure.
6. **Old Business**
 - Emma Stogner reviewed the 2024 MTPC schedule and talked about BPAC touchpoints that would align with their meetings. She shared that the BPAC would serve as an advisory committee to the MTPC, providing feedback from the bicycle and pedestrian perspective, and therefore would meet more frequently in 2024 to accomplish this task.
7. **New Business**
 - The committee agreed that the vision and goals from the 2045 MTP were still relevant and did not recommend any changes. Members spoke about safety, connectivity, innovation, technological change, integration, equity, accessibility, and education.
 - Emma shared that, due to the bridge closure, the River to Sea Bike Ride would be pushed to the fall. She said she would update the committee when a date was set.
 - Al Schroetel made a motion to reappoint Carol Stein as the chair of the committee, seconded by Katie Ryan. The committee unanimously re-elected Carol as the chair. Carol Stein made a motion to reappoint Steve Zinder as the vice chair of the committee, seconded by Mo Linquist. The committee unanimously re-elected Steve as the vice chair.
 - Emma reviewed the work plan and 2024 meeting schedule with the committee. Carol suggested a presentation from NCDOT in August or October. The committee approved of the work plan with Carol's suggestion.
8. **Next Meeting**
 - Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 2PM
9. **Adjournment**
 - Motion to adjourn was made by Adrienne Cox.
 - Motion was seconded by Mo Linquist.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

10. **Approval of minutes from February and April 2023 Meetings**
 - Motion made to approve by Katie Ryan, seconded by Steve Zinder.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
11. **MTP Focus Group Session**
 - The committee entered into a focus group session to inform WMPO staff of bicycle and pedestrian issues and opportunities for the 2050 MTP. A transcription of the session is available by request.
12. **Next Meeting**
 - Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 2PM
13. **Adjournment**
 - Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Zinder.
 - Motion was seconded by Duncan McCabe.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

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