



- DRAFT MINUTES -
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
Sonny West Conference Center

October 21, 2024

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE

Chair Katherine McDonell, AJ Haney, Ashleigh Wilson, Carey Rodgers, Hal Martin, John Norris, KJ Garner, Liz Riggs, Nate McDowell

STAFF

Matthew Cushing, Dahlia Grub, Valeria Martinez, Anna Dearman, Meghan Mathson, TD Schlafer, Logan Elliot, Justin Cole

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Matt Hertz, Anas Saba, Courtney Ross

1. Call to Order

- The October 21, 2024, meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission was called to order at 5:02 PM by Chair Katherine McDonell

2. Roll Call

- Present: Chair Katherine McDonell, AJ Haney, Ashleigh Wilson, Carey Rodgers, Hal Martin, John Norris, KJ Garner, Liz Riggs, Nate McDowell
- Absent: Matt Hertz, Anas Saba, Courtney Ross

3. Public Comment

- Charlie W., a member of the VZAC, attended and spoke on behalf of himself, a concerned resident of the community. He expressed his support of bike and scooter corrals however commented that they need to include mass objects either sides, such as planters, for safety reasons. Charlie shared his testimony of how he recently filmed a newly installed corral for social media, calling for safety measures, and less than a week later a car struck the corral resulting in one fatality.

4. Approval of Minutes

- The commission requested tweaks on the wording of the BPAC/Cumberland River Compact conversation
- September minutes were approved unanimously

5. Review of Agenda

- Amendments have been made to the agenda in order to prioritize a discussion regarding recent fatalities
 1. Councilman Kupin spoke briefly about the BPAC's role in relation to safety/advocacy in Nashville, especially with recent pedestrian and bike/scooter fatalities. He expressed deep gratitude for the work of BPAC and urged them to continue to their hard work in helping Nashville be a safer place for all.
 2. Ms. Martinez, NDOT's Vision Zero Coordinator lead a discussion about recent roadway fatalities in Nashville
 - a. As of September 2024, there are 94 fatalities to date, which is down from 99 fatalities in September 2023. October data is still being gathered.
 - b. 10/5 - Crash on Nolensville Pike involving 1 car and 2 scooters, there was one fatality
 - i. NDOT is doing a "quick-build" to install delineators along this corridor
 - c. 10/18- Crash on 4th and Commerce, 1 car had struck 3 cars and 4 pedestrians resulting in 1 fatality. Speed and driving under the influence were the cause
 - d. 10/19- Crash on 12th and Broadway
 - e. Chair McDonell notes that victims were using infrastructure designed and intended to keep them safe; commenting that more needs to be done to fulfill our promise to keep them safe and the infrastructure is failing.
 - f. As potential next steps, BPAC considered writing letters of recommendations, or other proposals:
 - i. MNPd- there is a need for more enforcement
 - ii. NDOT- there is a need for better infrastructure
 - iii. Mayor- Communicate with NDOT about the importance of concrete barriers-- they can save lives.

6. Administrator Updates

- Introduction to BPAC
 - Administrator Recommended Next Steps:
 - Consider if any subcommittees are needed
 - Finalizes Rules and Processes
 - Determine what kinds of items should be reported to:
 - Mayor's Office
 - Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
 - the Public Facilities, Arts, and Culture Committee

7. Project Updates

- Main Street/Gallatin Pike
 - Mr. Justin Cole presented an overview and update on the Main/Gallatin Project
 - This project will set a vision to transform Main Street and Gallatin Pike into Complete Streets that provide safe and accessible options for all users.
 - Existing Conditions
 - Safety
 - Crash history - one death per year
 - Lack of Crosswalks - up to half mile gaps
 - Speed conditions
 - Frequent driveways, wide pavement
 - Pedestrian Environment
 - No furnishing zone
 - Minimal trees and landscaping
 - Transit
 - 2nd highest ridership corridor
 - Service every 10 minutes
 - Bikes
 - Only a short segment of bike lanes
 - After much community engagement, the project team received both positive and negative feedback
 - Next Steps:
 - Advance more detailed design
 - Construction targeted for 2025-2026
 - Continued community engagement throughout design and construction
 - Please refer to slide-deck for more information

8. Programmatic Updates

- Deferred until next meeting

9. Adjournment

- The October 21, 2024 meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission was adjourned at 6:35 PM.