

**DC Bicycle Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Council Members Present:

Name	Representing	Present?	Name	Representing	Present?
Emily Oaksford	Ward 1	X	Mike Goodno	DDOT	
David Alexander	Ward 2	X	Lezlie Rupert	DDOT	
Warren Gorlick	Ward 3	X	George Branyan	DDOT	
Rachel Maisler	Ward 4	X	Sam Brooks	DDOT	
Parraize Butler	Ward 5	X	Sgt. Terry Thorne	MPD	X
David Cranor	Ward 6	X	Rita Abou Samra	OP	X
Max Richman	Ward 7	X	(pending)	DCPS	
Jay Stewart	Ward 8	X	Watani Hatcher	DPR	X
Anders Pedersen	AL - Mendelson	X	Anthony Crispino	DPW	X
Jeff Johnson	AL - Silverman	X	Celeste Duffie	DPW	X
Anica Allen	AL - Grosso	X	Greg Matlesky	DDOT	X
Randall Myers	AL - White				
Gregg Adams	AL - Bonds				

Other Attendees:

- Jesse B Rauch, DC Admin Assistant
- Tim Hampton
- Nick Sementelli
- J.I. Swiderski, PAC
- Julia
- Greg Matlesky
- Celeste Duffie
- Gordon Chaffin
- Heather Foote, PAC
- Colleen Costello
- Mike Carter, DPW
- Patricia Braley
- Brett
- WABA Rep.
- Steph Piperno, WABA/Capital Trails Coaliton
- Several community members joined by phone

Agenda:

- Welcome & Intro (10 min)

Rachel provided an update on her testimony before the DC Council and her admiration and appreciation for the BAC.

- BAC 2021 Priorities (5 min)

Rachel shared the priorities for the BAC, as she reported to the DC Council in their performance oversight hearing of the BAC:

1. Continue to work with DDOT and other stakeholders to implement a protected and connected bicycle network. As people return to work in-person and we discover our “new normal,” we have a unique opportunity to create better, safer options for people to get to their jobs by bike and recreate good habits. This includes:
 - a. Better east-west connections that aren’t Downtown
 - b. Safe routes to amenities including grocery stores, libraries, rec centers and senior centers
 - c. Completing the Metropolitan Branch Trail
 - d. Building the Eastern Downtown Protected Bike Lane
 2. Make bicycling more accessible for our youngest and oldest residents as well as residents with disabilities
 - a. Work with DPR and DCPS to expand Cornerstone, the 2nd grade bike program
 - b. Continue conversations with Age-Friendly DC and AARP about outreach to older adults about bicycling
 - c. Launch the Adaptive Bikeshare Library, a program that would make a variety of adaptive bikes/trikes available for residents to use.
 3. Maintain and protect our existing bike lane network. This calls for an examination by DDOT, DPW and BAC of how our current bike lanes—protected and not—are operating in the District.
- Agency Updates
 - MPD (5 min)

Sgt. Thorne reported on bicycle fatalities from 2020 and so far in 2021:

	2020	2021
Total Fatalities	37	6
Number of Bicycle Fatalities	1	1

The most recent fatality was the one that occurred at 10th and Michigan NE; it is currently under investigation in collaboration with the US Attorney’s Office.

Colleen Costello, the ANC Commissioner who represents the area where the crash occurred, asked if there were cameras on the shuttle. Sgt. Thorne shared that the camera’s shuttle was not functioning. Sgt. Thorne shared that they are looking for additional video to assist in the investigation. Commissioner Costello shared that the intersection was set for review and will be pushing for further traffic safety. She asked people to email her 5b05@anc.dc.gov if anyone has

anything to share about traffic safety along Michigan Avenue. She shared that DDOT will be putting in a left turn lane over the summer.

BAC members asked questions in regards to the crash, but Sgt. Thorne was unable to answer many of them due to it being an open investigation. However, Sgt. Thorne shared that a review of the intersection has already begun with DDOT.

Jeff asked Sgt. Thorne about the ability to access accident reports as he has had trouble doing so. Sgt. Thorne will follow-up on what reports would be available and how to access them.

- ANC 5B Commissioners (5 min)

Commissioner Costello spoke during the previous agenda item.

- OP (5 min)

Rita shared that the streatory survey is complete and would be shared soon (edit: [It was published on DC's coronavirus website, here](#)). However, Rita shared some additional information about what transportation method(s) were used to access outdoor dining (from 2,531 responses). The survey said:

- Walking - 48%
- Driving or Rideshare - 31%
- Biking or Scooting - 15%
- Transit (bus, streetcar, metro) - 6%

However, there is a disparity between accessing streateries by ward; such as:

	Ward 1	Ward 7
Walking	52%	-
Driving or Rideshare	24%	73%
Biking or Scooting	18%	6%

This is Rita's last meeting as she will be replaced by Kristin Calkins, the OP Transportation Planner.

- DPW (10 min)

Celeste shared that the former DPW director, Christopher Geldart, is now the acting deputy mayor for public safety and justice. As he was a big supporter of biking in the District, this

should mean that bicycle issues should also receive higher attention. Christine Davis is the new director and has a lot of knowledge on bike issues.

Anthony shared DPW is purchasing specialized equipment to clean bike lanes and curbs including five “tenevacs,” (like a riding mower with a vacuum attachment), and 2 minisweepers, which have a cab with brushes to fit within a bike lane. They are currently being detailed and should be in service around April 1, 2021. There should be a regular maintenance schedule when they are deployed. Anthony has also submitted enhancement proposals for more sanitation techs who can also help clean bike lanes.

DPW shared a reminder to use 311 (via phone, app, or Twitter) to report bike lanes in need of cleaning. A photo is very helpful when making these requests.

- DDOT (10 min)

Greg Matlesky shared [DDOT's update, linked here](#). He also shared [DDOT's trail update, here](#).

Parraize asked if ward can be added to the update, to help the BAC know where new infrastructure is being installed. Greg will report back.

Patricia Braley asked if we can see the timeline for restriping. Greg will report back.

Greg shared the city is working to install 1,000 bike racks a year; they have just under 350 in inventory now and requests that people submit 311 requests for their placement.

- DPR

No updates.

- Other agencies (5 min)

- Committee Updates

- Legislative (10 min)

There isn't much new legislation so far this year but the committee did discuss that BAC members should reach out to their councilmembers regarding budget requests.

There is also the hearing about re-opening after the pandemic, and suggested some things to highlight such as keeping Beach Drive opening and retaining safe streets, but didn't weigh in too much on streateries.

Max is going to testify at the hearing.

Minutes from the committee are available at <http://www.bikedcbike.org/p/documents.html>.

- Facilities (10 min)

Emily provided an update from the meeting, including the discussion of dedicate bus lanes. The April Facilities Committee meeting will focus on the Near Northwest Mobility Study. There was discussion of reaching out to affected ANCs to provide guidance or receive their input.

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- Safety, Education & Enforcement (15 min)
 - MoveDC discussion

We will solicit comments from BAC members and listserv members via survey. The BAC committed to write detailed group comments on DDOT's development of an updated moveDC draft. Gregg and Jeff are to develop draft comments.

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- Bicyclist Fatality Response (10 min)

Completed earlier in the conversation with Sgt. Thorne.

Rachel believes that the BAC should say or do something about this crash, including consideration of recommended changes to the intersection, etc. Anica shared that there has been little effort to address speeding or other traffic concerns - and there are plans on the shelf to do something.

Emily suggests we should take a holistic approach to the area in need of improvement, including the Michigan Ave corridor, and not just one at a time. There's an NOI (<https://wiki.ddot.dc.gov/display/NOI/NOI-20-01-IPMD>), the Crosstown Study (<https://dccrosstownstudy-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/>), and potentially a livability study as well (<https://ddot.dc.gov/page/brookland-edgewood-livability-study>) that have demonstrated the traffic issues.

Rachel suggests we work with the PAC as well.

There was discussion of what it takes to make change as change seems to take too long and is not equitable. Rachel asked what should the response by the city be when someone dies.

Anica will co-lead writing a letter to DDOT about Michigan Avenue; a draft will be ready by Monday, with feedback due on Tuesday. Jeff offered to help. Unanimous approval to draft and send this letter.

- Discussion: Transportation Response to the Public Health Emergency (15 min)

Max is going to testify on March 23 on behalf of the BAC.

- Approval of January Minutes

Unanimously approved.

- Other Business

David A. shared that DDOT was hearing negative comments on the Virginia Ave. bike lanes. He thinks that the BAC should weigh in to support these lanes. With unanimous approval, David will draft something for everyone to sign on to and Jesse will share it for review.

- Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.