

## Minutes

City of Winston-Salem Bicycle/Pedestrian/Active Mobility Advisory Committee

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 9:00 – 10:00am

Teams Meeting

### **Voting Members Present**

Michael Hosey

Greg Errett

Donna Jones

Amy Easter

Carol Hoover

Sharon Nelson

Brandon Hillis

Kim Wilson

### **Staff Present**

Amy Crum, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Planning and Development Services

Matthew Burczyk, City of Winston-Salem DOT

### **Guests Present**

Alex Rotenberry, NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division

1. Public Comments
  - No public comments

### **Action Items**

2. Introduction of New Committee Member, Brandon Hillis (Sharon Nelson, Chair)
  - a. Brandon Hillis introduced himself to the committee
3. Consideration of the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Bicycle/Pedestrian/Active Mobility Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Sharon Nelson, Chair)
  - MOTION: Greg Errett
  - SECOND: Donna Jones
    - FOR: Unanimous
    - AGAINST: None
4. Consideration of the 2023 Bicycle/Pedestrian/Active Mobility Advisory Committee Work Program (Sharon Nelson, Chair)
  - a. Sharon Nelson introduced the work program and the work session in February at which the committee developed the work program
  - b. Sharon discussed accomplishments, goals, objectives, and tasks

- c. Amy Easter asked about the goal to “Advise with intent, to help identify or support the City in meeting matching funds or in securing resources for unfunded enhancements through allies and partnerships, creative solutions, external funding opportunities, or other means when/where appropriate” and whether there was a corresponding objective.
- d. Sharon Nelson indicated that there was not an objective associated with that goal yet. Amy Easter suggested continued education around budget process and praised the rest of the work program document
- e. Matthew Burczyk discussed the need for education about the budgeting process and the intention to share opportunities with the BPAMAC
  - MOTION: Amy Easter
  - SECOND: Carol Hoover
    - FOR: Unanimous
    - AGAINST: None

### **Information Items**

- 5. Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Comprehensive Plan Development Process (Amy Crum, Assistant Director, Winston-Salem Forsyth County Planning and Development Services)
  - a. Amy Crum introduced the “Forward 2045” Comprehensive Plan process
    - i. Planning and Development Services serves Winston-Salem and Forsyth County manages construction control, zoning enforcement, current planning, and long-range planning
    - ii. The Comprehensive Plan is the foundation on which all other plans are based. It is high level and leads to area plans, transportation plans, policies, and capital expenditures.
    - iii. Current Comprehensive Plan (Legacy 2030 Update) was adopted in 2012
    - iv. Amy Crum shared examples of vision for Accessory Dwelling Units and Public Art that are elements of the existing Comprehensive Plan and how Planning and Development Services staff took those high-level recommendations and formalized them through ordinances
    - v. Forward 2045 is a new plan, not an update of Legacy 2030 Update with a 20-year timeframe
      - 1. The plan will be vision and goal based, not chapter based, and will be kept to about 100 pages with an emphasis on accessibility for the public
    - vi. The Comprehensive Plan will have several areas of consideration
      - 1. Equity
      - 2. Affordability
      - 3. Housing
      - 4. Resiliency
      - 5. Adaptability
      - 6. Accessibility
      - 7. Logistics for Economic Development

8. Livability
  9. Sustainability
  10. Tourism
  11. Current History
- vii. Amy Crum shared information about the planning process and next steps
1. Website: [www.forward2045.com](http://www.forward2045.com)
  2. Public survey in April
  3. Stakeholder meetings through the spring
  4. Public input meetings through the summer and fall
- viii. Amy Crum shared some input questions and exercises to gather feedback from BPAMAC members
1. Describe your ideal community
    - a. Sharon Nelson responded about a connected sidewalk and bicycle lane network
    - b. Amy Easter shared that her ideal community would not require her to own a car and that she could depend on walking, cycling, and transit for transportation needs. Many local businesses. A safe environment. Many green spaces
    - c. Brandon Hillis agreed with the need for well-connected green space
    - d. Alex Rotenberry suggested design around 15-minute cities
  2. What do you like about our community?
    - a. Sharon Nelson responded that downtown is successful with local entrepreneurs; Beginnings of a bike lane network; Greenway network.
    - b. Carol Hoover shared that we have many parks; Creation of neighborhoods; History; Beautiful, welcoming city.
    - c. Greg Errett highlighted the Innovation Quarter and the opportunity to spread economic development to East Winston.
    - d. Donna Jones indicated that the arts community, especially in the downtown area, is a great asset; The work of Creative Corridors Coalition and the arches and other creative infrastructure; The presence of Wake Forest University and Reynolda Village. Recent pedestrian infrastructure improvements; Salem Lake improvements that make outdoor spaces inviting.
  3. What is our community missing?
    - a. Donna Jones shared that homelessness is an issue, so there is a need for mental health care and housing.
    - b. Carol Hoover shared that while we have many parks and greenways, many need maintenance and repairs; There is

a need to incorporate complete streets into city ordinances

- c. Sharon Nelson shared that litter has become a problem.
- d. Michael Hosey suggested building a permanent skate park
- e. Amy Easter mentioned the need for connectivity between different modes of transportation. The need for connectivity between residents, which has been diminished by our auto-dependent development pattern.

6. Calendar of Activities and Committee Member Updates

- a. Sharon Nelson shared that the City of Winston-Salem's efforts to build the Greenway network are being recognized at the Piedmont Legacy Trails Summit.
- b. Carol Hoover shared that the policy work group has extracted information from the Greenway Master Plan, Bicycle Master Plan, and Pedestrian Master plan regarding recommendations for improving city ordinances and policies, including development ordinances. She asked committee members to review those recommendations and identify priorities prior to the April BPAMAC meeting, so the BPAMAC can prepare a set of recommendations for City Council.
- c. Amy Easter asked about the public comment period for the Salem Creek Greenway and the opportunity for the BPAMAC to make a recommendation. She suggested the BPAMAC make that recommendation in May or June.

**Next Meeting: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 9:00 – 10:00am via Microsoft Teams**