

Town of Vienna

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 19, 2011
Town Hall, lower conference room

AGENDA

- 1) March minutes approval.
- 2) Tysons Bicycle Master Plan Discussion w/ Charlie Strunk, FCDOT - Bicycle Trails Planning
- 3) Report on April 21 Green Expo/BAC table, Bob McCahill.
- 4) Update on BAC Survey results to date, Cris Janoski. Extraction of information, discussion about possible routes, additional feedback from the public.
- 5) Bike Parking in Town. Discuss bike rack pricing options. Share what was learned in April meeting with DP&Z (Cris, Sharon, & Bob met with Greg Hembree).
- 6) Safe Routes to School Program updates for Cunningham Elementary School from Sharon Baum, Vienna Elementary School from Sean McCall
- 7) Next meeting (Thursday, June 16).
- 8) Close.

MINUTES

Attending: Sharon Baum, Keely Lauretti, Bob McCahill, Sean McCall, Charlie Strunk, Cris Janoski

1) March minutes approval. Draft minutes were approved.

2) Tysons Bicycle Master Plan Discussion w/ Charlie Strunk, FCDOT - Bicycle Trails Planning.

Charlie provided 3 handouts:

- A 15-page handout, basically a detailed Power Point document of *Tysons Corner Bicycle Master Plan*. This was presented to the Mid-Atlantic Transportation Engineers' Conference last month.
- A large 3'x4' *Draft Bicycle Facility Network* map of Greater Tysons, including on road bicycle facilities (planned and proposed), Trails and Paths, Spot Improvements (e.g. interchange, intersection, and access), and Community Resources (e.g. schools, library, and government centers). This map is available online as well.
- An unofficial Fairfax County DOT map of Town of Vienna bike routes. The map has been in the works for years, discussed at Town work sessions. The Fairfax County bike program was created four years ago. The first product tackled was a map, followed by a plan. Work has concluded on the first portion of the plan (the Greater Tysons Corner portion) of the Fairfax County Bicycle Master Plan. Greater Tysons has a 3 mile radius, which includes virtually all of the Town of Vienna. The key issue for consultants was to identify barriers, and there are a large number of those. Another key issue was intersections, and the pace and scale of Tysons development itself. ...soon? 50 years? Traffic volumes and congestion were considerations in addressing what has been an auto-oriented area. The projected grid of new streets was discussed, along with what bike travel lanes would look like. 'Cycle track' is expensive, where bikes are separated from autos. Climbing lanes were described, which is viable only on one side/direction, in the uphill side, as downhill bikes can presumably maintain traffic speeds.

The large draft *Network* map was discussed. Charlie pointed out funded cross bridges, such as the one on Wolftrap Road over the Dulles Road. Gallows Road lanes are in the process of being extended to link to Tysons Corner Center. A small bridge connecting Vienna with Kilmer Intermediate is a tremendous success. There has been explosive growth in bike racks at the school to accommodate riders. A bridge is

needed across a creek on Spring Hill Road. Regarding a bridge over Rt. 7 in the area of Metro stations, Charlie said that after long trying to get Metro to keep the footbridge open that serves the stations, Metro has closed the door and is adamant in locking the gates when Metro stations are closed after hours. Projected bike trails linking the Vienna area to Metro stations along Rt. 7 were pointed out. The homeowners association near the projected bike route near Ragland Park does not want the trail to be lit. Another path, at the end of Ervin Street and Ashgrove Plantation that comes in behind the Sheraton, is actually an existing footpath, but it is in need of upgrade. An easement along this trail was pointed out. Fairfax is looking into obtaining control of the easement.

Plans for Bike Share were discussed. It has been successful elsewhere, in DC and Arlington in particular. It will be awhile till that is addressed, and would be dependent upon a federal grant. Bikes cost @ \$1,400 each, but are durable, and nothing on them are transferable to your typical private bike, so they don't present a target for theft. Consideration of a bike share program could be the topic of a future BAC meeting.

Everyone thanked Charlie for his work on the Fairfax commission and for sharing this information and hearing the BAC's feedback.

3) Report on April 21 Green Expo/BAC table, Bob McCahill. Our table displaying recent BAC work and actions was well received. There were lots of visitors, and about 20 filled out the BAC bike survey and offered informal comment and suggestions. Many were made aware for the first time of the BAC web site www.tovbac.com.

4) Update on BAC Survey results to date, Cris Janoski. Extraction of information, discussion about possible routes, additional feedback from the public. Chris described progress. The long text comments of many respondents was particularly helpful. Safety for bikers was a common one. It was suggested that we set an arbitrary cut off, which will allow Cris to package and present results by the June BAC meeting. Agreed. Somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 survey results or less. It was agreed to put it on the agenda for June, for delivery to the Transportation Safety Committee (TSC) afterwards. About 2 dozen citizens have signed up to receive BAC news online.

5) Bike Parking in Town. Discuss bike rack pricing options. Share what was learned in April meeting with DP&Z (Cris, Sharon, & Bob met with Greg Hembree). Tabled since it was getting late. Will be on the June agenda.

6) Safe Routes to School Program updates for Cunningham Elementary School from Sharon Baum, Vienna Elementary School from Sean McCall. Both have been submitted, and both approved by the TSC. Town Council discusses them Monday, May 23. One sidewalk per school, plus perhaps a few smaller segments, are expected to be approved. They will be submitted to Virginia DOT June 3, and grants are projected to be awarded by November.

7) Next meeting (Thursday, June 16). Agreed.

8) Close. The meeting closed at 9:45pm.