



Planning and Policy Committee Meeting

Date:

Start Time: 6:30 PM

Adjourn Time: 8:00 PM

Meeting Location: Online Zoom Meeting <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/85333200325>

Meeting Type: Regular

Attendance:

- Members: Nathan Lee, Brian Taylor, John Lawler, Chris Perelstein, Tony Reeve
- Public:

Minutes:

1. Introductions and announcements:

1. There is a Marathon in Durham on May 2nd. There are also half marathon, 10K, and 5K options. Mary and Nathan will be doing the half marathon; it could be cool to have a whole group of BPACers participate. There are still 12 weeks left which is enough time to train for half, 10K, or 5K.
2. The Planning Commission will hold the first public hearing on the new UDO at a special meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 5:30PM
3. Possible moratorium on new development east of Mangum and west of 885 due to sewer. TDB.
4. Third Fork Creek Trail phase 2: a sewer easement was cleared recently meaning, except one creek crossing, it could be traversed from Southern Boundaries Park to Cornwallis.
5. Bike Walk Plan update public comments due Feb 9th.

2. Old Business

1. Transportation confirmed receiving our comments from last month on Geer and Guess. The project manager was out for some time last month but plans to have replies back to us by Feb 6th.

3. Third fork creek phase 2

1. This has been in design since 2019 and is languishing in limbo.
2. Why are they not spending any money on This?
3. Why are they not at least finishing the section from southern boundaries to Cornwallis? The city owns all this land it is already 90% cleared.
 1. This may need to be a formal BPAC letter or question of DPR and public works.

4. Strategic Planning:

1. Example questions to get conversation going:
 1. Having a stronger presence and better advocacy at City Council and County Commissioner meetings?
 2. Do we want to work on a commission-wide "legislative agenda" for 2026?
 3. Do we want to set goals for PnP for 2026?
 4. How can we get new members educated and get them confident enough in the issues to go talk at city and county meetings?
 5. Should we create a PnP education and onboarding package?
 6. Come up with official BPAC policy commitments.

7. If there might be a broader advocacy point for us to raise about HAWK signals to avoid confusion.
2. Ideas discussed:
 1. **Edit BPAC guiding principles document, it hasn't been updated since 2020**
 2. Executive committee? Of chairs and big chair for more/better onboarding and trying to get new members involved and involved faster. **(Chris will bring up this idea at the next leadership agenda meeting.)**
 3. Timing of meetings? Would changing to during the work day get more people involved.
 4. Update land and equity acknowledgement statement? Make the 3rd paragraph and bullets more about our guiding principles and goals?
 5. Monitoring adoption & implementation of Bike+Walk Plan projects;
 6. Monitoring implementation of Vision Zero Action Plan
 7. Push for Street Plan & Design Guide
 8. Get involved with Multi-modal TIA effort being led by Lisa Miller (starting this month)
 9. **Push the city for greater accountability**
 1. Pushing for city to (re)launch public-facing list and map of bike/ped/transit projects
 2. Work with Transportation Dept to build calendar of upcoming projects for BPAC comment, upcoming public outreach, events
 3. Push city for better project monitoring and publishing on their website.
 10. Push public works to release a 3 to 5 year plan of what streets are going to be resurfaced. (possibly related to 9)
 11. **Implementation of move Durham plan(and other plans)**
 1. Get the city to take over our downtown streets specifically the loop, and one way pairs. So we can make them safer without the huge costs and delays caused by NCDOT.
 2. Roxboro and Mangum are going to be needlessly expensive due to NCDOT hoops.
 1. We would need to have cost estimates of how much it will cost with vs without ncdot
 2. How realistic are public works fears about the underlying structures of these streets.
 3. OR convince NCDOT to commit to approval early.
 12. Get city to create rules around when we do and do not accept new streets vs when they must be maintained by the HOA or other property owner entity.
 13. Bolded are likely to move forward as long term projects this year
5. Provide comments on the city list of street resurfacings, they have some planned for improvements but there are likely others on the list that should also be improved.
 1. <https://www.durhamnc.gov/5432/ST-342-Street-Repairs-Repaving-2026-Bond>
 2. Please review the streets in question ahead of time. We do not have time to look over all of them on google maps as a group.