# **Logo, company name Description automatically generatedBASC November Meeting Minutes – Nov 8th, 2021, 5:30 pm STA**

Attendees: Larry Mason, Jamie Miernik, Morgan Andriulli, Bruce Weddendorf, Frances Akridge. Austin Jackson  
Virtually: Ben Payment, Dario Gonzalez. Anthony Rosado, Nicholas Nene   
James Moore tried, but had tech difficulties.  
Also, we could not hear Ben or Anthony, so Ben’s report was provided by email.

**NOTE:**  All minutes are in the dropbox: [www.hsvbasc.com](http://www.hsvbasc.com)

**October minutes reviewed, made a couple of corrections:** Approved

**Actions Review:**

1. **Action continued: Dario, Anthony & Jamie will coordinate Crash Data report**: Dario has created a draft report on crash data since 2015. He spoke with Dave Stone about the format and purpose of the previous BASC report. This will be reviewed and presented to BASC for review, then city council and the press.
2. **Action: Closed: Ben Payment:** Ben spoke with Shane Davis to find out how to “check the box” for Bike parking ordinance, racks, etc. in every project planned. A process is needed. See Ben Payments **emailed response in #9** below. (as we couldn’t hear him on the video call)
3. **Action Jamie Closed:** Access to Times Plaza. Contacted Crunkleton and they said they had to construct the fence to prevent cars from the adjacent business parking up their parking lot. But, pedestrians and bikes can (just barely) slip around the east end of the fence to the Times Plaza side, when approaching from the east through the neighborhood accessible from Governors Dr. But, the developer shouldn’t get to decide *what connectivity* is the most important. See #9 below.
4. **Action Continued.: Nick Nene, Jamie Miernik**: Nick talked with COH on sidewalks on either side of Oakwood just east of the Parkway; Nicholas made request to Public Works, John Autry. And Transit – John Ashburn.  
   Jamie will follow up.
5. **Action Continued: James Moore** will investigate why it is difficult to upload video to the See and be Seen site
6. **Action: Larry, Jamie. Anthony, continued.** Safe Routes to School ideas to be prepared for schools and principals.
7. **Action: Larry Mason Closed (see #10 below)** to find policy (Hawaii) about “Zero Vision” policy to investigate serious Bike/Ped crashes. Discussed how a “task force” would investigate after serious Bike/Ped crashes and that BASC has the appropriate personnel to do this, but since BASC is not an official COH committee, would have no authority.
8. **Action Closed** Contact the Barge consultant who is looking at Parkway crossings. They are doing an “assessment” and Shontril will be looking at policy for new construction to help the crossing be safer for peds/bikes. Several BASC members attended the Barge presentation Oct 20 and provided input. Dario missed the Barge meeting and will provide his input, which he sent Nov 19.
9. **Action Continued:** **Ben Payment** was unable to provide his report during the meeting due to poor audio, so he emailed this report: Ben spoke with Planning (Dennis Madsen) and Engineering (Shane Davis) and speaking for BASC, proposed **3 main areas of improvements** to the Huntsville Municipal Code regarding multimodal connectivity.   BASC has seen recurring instances where bicycles and pedestrians seem to be afterthoughts if at all rather than part of an original design consideration.  He suggested a little research on how these issues might best be addressed in the municipal code and strategize the best approach to getting them implemented.
   * 1. Businesses  -  New development and streetscape/landscaping/fencing permits should enforce businesses to make provisions (or get an exception) for bicycle and pedestrian access to adjacent right-of-ways/neighborhoods.  Furthermore connectivity via sidewalk should be preserved along each right-of-way for pedestrians.
     + Examples:
       - Crunkleton Times Plaza (Cling)
       - HC Blake/Dark Side retail development on N. Parkway north of Oakwood (Keith)
       - Madison County Service Center, SE corner of Oakwood and the Parkway (Akridge)
   * 2. Greenways -  New greenways & existing greenways adjacent to businesses or residential areas will be connected at [1/2 mile] intervals where possible to said areas.  Some codified metric interval should be considered.
     + Hays Greenway (Robinson)
   * 3. Neighborhoods (Cul-de-sac) - New development neighborhoods (and modification to existing) should provide direct (through) connectivity for bicycles and pedestrians to adjacent recreation, commercial, education amenities and residential neighborhoods.  <https://sustainablecitycode.org/brief/pedestrian-connectivity-through-culs-de-sac-2/>
10. **New Action: Larry Mason and Jamie Miernik** will draft a resolution that Frances can take to city council to make BASC an official COH committee. Actually, we would like the mission of BASC to be expanded to include pedestrians and all active, non-vehicular transportation, so the official committee would be re-named appropriately.
11. **New Action: James Moore** will provide the contact info from Girls Inc who was interestedin biking safety training.

**Reports**

**HPD** – Audio was poor, hopefully it will be better next time.

**Traffic Engineering** – Nick Clarified Action Item #4.

**Planning** – None.

**Old Business:**

1. In the #7 Action discussion above: “…a “task force” would investigate after serious Bike/Ped crashes and that BASC has the appropriate personnel to do this, but since BASC is not an official COH committee, would have no authority.” Larry Mason wanted to pursue creating an “Expanded BASC” as an official COH committee whose mission was to represent pedestrians, cyclists and all active, non-vehicular transportation, in order to have more authority in “After-crash” recommendations. It was also mentioned that an official “Bike/Ped” advisory committee was needed for the MPO. Discussion included that maybe we should try to become a COH committee first, then later make the larger step to the MPO. This resulted in New Action Item #10.
2. HUBS wants to be involved with HPD to plan a Bike Safety Training class, sometime during school calendar.
3. Girls Inc was also interested in biking safety training. Will send contact info to Jamie.   
   Note: This has been ignored for months, so the Secretary made it a New Action Item #11.

**New Business: None.**

**Community Groups:**

Nov 13 - Tweed Ride

Nov 30 - Bikes N Brews 4 pm

Dec 7 - Christmas Parade…was there an entry for bikes? No

Dec 7 - HUBS Open House Christmas social with Rocket City Cycle Belles (RCCB) and Black Girls Do Bike.

Adjourned: 6:40 pm

Next Meeting – Dec 6, changed to Dec 13