

Agenda: BASC Monthly Meeting_– Monday, January 29th, 2024, 5:30 pm The Monkey's Wrench/HUBS Coop

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Attendees: (virtual) Josh (new-ish), Jennifer, Ben, Jamie (in-person) Larry, Morgan, Austin, Chad, David , Andrew M.(new), Nick H(new), Erin M(new),

Meeting Time: 5:30pm-6:30pm

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Announcements:

1. Review attendance and Vote to approve **November 2023** meeting minutes: **Approved**
1. **Community Concerns (from the public):**
 - a. SeeClickFix- closed or need escalation tickets?
 - b. Community Events?
 - i. Bikes & Brews Feb'24- Saturday, Feb 3rd: <https://fb.me/e/6IHkyDS3N>
 - ii. **Canceled**-HUBS Coop Social Bike Ride- Tuesday, Feb 6th: <https://fb.me/e/h0W43ZkAn>
 - iii. HAMR Gear Swap- Saturday, Feb. 10th: <https://fb.me/e/5c9nux2nP>
 - iv. BASC Monthly meeting- Monday, Feb. 26th, 5:30PM:
 - c. Other community concerns
 - i. Did you get yelled at by Redstone Arsenal security to turn off bike cameras (Erin)? On Redstone Arsenal, you should not use bike cameras (please be mindful of bike cameras built into bike lights). Dashcams are prohibited on the Arsenal as well.
 - ii. **Pratt Avenue in front of White street/and Stella's apt. (David)**, adding turn lanes and parallel park. Talked with City planning and heard that no bike lanes are being added. This section of Pratt is part of the Big Picture plan, see links below. Crosswalks to get to Stella from the apartments would be good to add and needs to be asked if it is part of the plan. Other notes:
 1. Bigger population will need to have a crosswalk in that area
 2. Does the median turning lane really need to be there? Northbound may not need turning, westbound would need it to turn. (Vivian wants to look further into if median turn lanes are really necessary. Considering other road configurations in Chicago, such as Lawrenche Ave, which has bike lanes, parallel parking, no median. Vivian prefers this because cars would need to slow down if they need a left turn or if another car in front them is taking a left turn. Getting passed by slower moving traffic or even passing by stopped traffic is better to handle on a bike.
 3. Width is staying the same. Expected August-September 2024 completion
 4. Vivian's Action: : To David Little (To), Bill Kling (To), Jo Beth, Garriss Bugg (ped POC for TE), Links from Ben P.
 - a. <https://bigpicturehuntsville.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/pratt.png>
 - b. <https://bigpicturehuntsville.com/places/five-points-northeast-huntsville-sm-all-area-plan/>

Section I. City Reports: Past updates in excel sheet "BASC Projects_Actions Summary" in hsvbasc.com → [Minutes and Documents](#)

1. **City Planning:** **No updates.**
 - a. "Bike Lane Now" Excel Live?
 - b. BRT program?
 - c. Any other bike/ped related concerns or needs from the city?
 - i. SeeClickFix.com category and SeeandBeSeen.com "near-miss" form.
2. **City Traffic Engineering:** **Jennifer**

- a. Bike Counts: Interactive map will have updated bike count data soon. 2nd bike count station was bought to improve data collection.
 - i. For Jo Beth's question about bike count on Spragins and Oakwood: Tom Cisco does have that data and she can contact him.
 - b. Comments/questions on Jennifer's email
 - i. Add this to excel, especially because other groups have to do this work and suggestions may overlap with future bike plans.
 - ii. TE is working on how to improve the bike route that crosses Airport route as noted in David's presentation: : across Airport bike route: Link from Jamie:
<https://www.hsvbasc.com/2023/06/26/june-basc-monthly-meeting/>
 - c. Any other bike/ped related concerns or needs from the city?
 - i. TE/Public Works have good response to SeeClickFix, David mentioned to John Hamilton and Dennis Madsen and noted in BASC meeting
3. **City Huntsville Police Department: No updates**
- a. Update of officially reported or on Facebook bike/ped related incidents?
 - b. Any other bike/ped related concerns or needs from the city?
 - i. HPD bike/ped related police reports.

Section II: Monthly Agenda Topics

1. **Future of BASC: Current organization versus move towards an official city committee or not → Subcommittee for this (Jacob POC), Vivian, Chad, Josh, Morgan)**
 - a. Email will be sent to this group to future establish to Pros/Cons of official committee versus other bike advocacy organizations:. Additional Notes:
 - i. How we write bylaws (Jamie) can make BASC more formal without being official. Like a checklist with people's roles and responsibilities
 - ii. Pros as official committee: BASC may better establish to the city the requirements. Also may connect to the City staff members more. Pro is that it is a check box for the City. Con is that there may be stricter location and membership.
2. **December 2023 BASC ride review on HUBS Coop Youtube and referenced hsvbasc.com (Jacob POC for future rides):**
https://youtu.be/E1Veq4dovZw?si=6NQRdJcGyizS_SnP
 - a. Future BASC ride ideas: let's ride at places where bike routes are needed like University Dr. or Old Madison Pike. If BASC members have further input, Jacob is the Point of Contact.
 - b. Historical note: Bike Routes were designed by Jamie and Clint. Old Bike Plan 2006, 2010, go to the City web: Planning→ Bikeway.(Jamie sent after January meeting) :
<https://www.huntsvilleal.gov/development/building-construction/planning/bikeway-plans/>
3. **Future Ideas for special topics:**
 - a. Meeting with Alta at BASC meeting (Jo Beth would know kick-off). Vivian Will send out more.
 - b. **Legal stuff about biking** (Vivian and Ben, POCs) General presentation with a bike lawyer,with Danny Feldman.
 Additional ideas:
 - i. Special BASC meeting (as host), but may require a different location, city chambers or Speakeasy at STA on Mondays. We can have core BASC people in-person, but invite public virtually.
 - c. **Secret Bridges** or bike crossings of Huntsville (Jacob and Vivian POCs) : Article/ Blog to go on the hsvbasc.com
 Featured presentations
 - i. This is intended to post bridges/crossings that are more bike friendly so that new bicyclists can plan there routes to cross on neighborhood roads. If BASC members have ideas on which bridge they would like to add to this article, please let us know. What kind of bridge? A bridge like Pin creek, Avondone, North church. Or like Sherwood Creek bridge near Wynn Drive/Technology.
 - d. **Bike racks at the new transit**: AARP grant (David is following up with). Would like covered bike racks.
 - e. **Mayor's Bike Ride** (Jacob, Vivian, Jamie and Larry sending email end of Feb. to Parks/Rec): Ideas below

- i. Ride in bad places would be an interesting Mayor's ride showcasing a road that bicyclists never get to ride safely on. This would be similar to Chicago closing LakeShore Drive for half a day so that people can bike on it safely: <https://bikethedrive.org/>
 - 1. Close Church St, Old Madison Pike, Memorial Parkway
 - 2. Or propose Different start: Clinton to Stove house from Downtown
 - a. What do they do for the Marathon?
 - b. Do we need a loop route instead?
- ii. Going around the Square Courthouse.
- iii. Cyclovia

Section III: Action Item Review: [See hsvbasc.com--> "BASC projects_Actions Summary" Excel sheet](#)

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