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BALTIMORE COUNTY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Sheldon S. Epstein, Chair

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MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
4:00 p.m.

Attendees: Chair Sheldon Epstein, Allysha Lorber, Charlie Murphy, Jared Barnhart, Nate Evans, Fran Taylor

Absent: Ted Levin and Harry Bhandari

Department of Planning staff present included Jessie Bialek and Kristopher Weaver.

1. Introduction of Members and Announcements

Mr. Sheldon Epstein opened the meeting at 4:08 p.m. Mr. Epstein asked the members to introduce themselves. There were no announcements.

2. Review of Today's Agenda

Mr. Epstein stated that there were no changes to the agenda that had been previously sent to the committee members.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes of October 9, 2018 Meeting

Mr. Epstein called for a motion to approve the meeting notes from the October 9, 2018 meeting. Mr. Fran Taylor made the motion and Mr. Jared Barnhart seconded. The approval was unanimous.

4. Staff Report Introduction and Vote: Draft FY 2018 Annual Report

Mr. Epstein asked Ms. Jessie Bialek to present staff's recommendations. Ms. Bialek proceeded to go through an overview of the report speaking to the various sections, including the Complete Streets compliance of the previous year's development projects and physical bicycle and pedestrian improvements that the county has made.

Mr. Epstein then called for a motion to approve the Draft FY 2018 annual report. Mr. Nate Evans made the motion and Mr. Barnhart seconded. The approval was unanimous.

5. Other Business

Mr. Epstein asked if there was any other business. While there was no formal other business, the committee members made the following points:

Ms. Allysha Lorber stated that the committee should prioritize projects and make recommendations to the new administration. Ms. Lorber stated that she would start a google document list and would circulate it among the members. She suggested the following be taken into account when looking at potential projects and for prioritization of those projects:

1. Cost
2. Connections
3. Population
4. Gaps in the existing network
5. Public Support
6. Right-of-way ownership
7. Other safety improvements

Mr. Evans concurred with Ms. Lorber on her proposal and suggested that making a google map showing the projects might be helpful. He also mentioned the NCR trail connection and that a feasibility study should be conducted. Mr. Evans also stated that he would like to review the Baltimore Public Schools (BCPS) transportation policy.

Mr. Taylor wanted to know who is responsible for ensuring that sidewalks get built when a new development is being built.

Mr. Charlie Murphy inquired as to who the new representative for Bike to Work Day was going to be for Baltimore County this coming year. He also mentioned that even when the County holds Citizen Input Meetings bike lane projects, they did not take the biking public's feedback into account as much as they should have.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Epstein asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Taylor made the motion and Ms. Lorber seconded. The approval was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.