

**BOYLAN HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 15, 2024, 7:00, Hartwell**

**I. Welcome and Meet your Neighbors**

Present: Mike Motsinger, (President) Corny Motsinger, Rishi Donat, Caitlin Ward, Kris Troost, Jack Ratterree, Frank Haynes, (Vice-president), Lisa Tolley, Rob Allen, Jane Barabash (secretary), Igor Barabash, Jay Spain, Kim Deloach, Patrick Carroll, Laura Brown (at large), Ethan Hyman, Don Davis, Lyman Collins, Michelle Robinson (at large), Diane Wubbenhorst, Sarah Dinger, Susan Thompson, Sandro Gisler. Guest speaker: Bradley Kimbrell, Raleigh Strategy and Development Administrator with Raleigh Transportation Dept.

**II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

The agenda was amended to add discussion of the Assault that occurred last night. The Halloween Pumpkin Glow was also added to the agenda. A correction was made to previous correspondence: It was the Raleigh Planning Committee, not the County Commissioners, that voted against the closing of South Street. The amended agenda was moved for approval and seconded. The September minutes were moved for approval and seconded.

**III. Police Report - Officer DiCello**

Crime report: A couple of 911 hang-up calls and abandoned cars were reported in the neighborhood in September. An Assault was reported last night in Boylan Heights. A detective has been assigned to the case and discussions of the incident have reached the Major level at the police department. Two cameras may have captured photos of the assailant. He was described as riding on a Bird scooter. The investigation is ongoing and is being taken very seriously. Officer DiCello said he would start canvassing tonight. He emphasized that any time an assault happens police should be contacted immediately via 911.

Traffic Calming Investigation 5 traffic stops were made at Cabarrus and Boylan last month. Traffic speed signs placed at the bottom of Cabarrus recorded about 11,000 cars passing by with 36 cars going over 10 miles above the speed limit. This is within the expected parameters. Boylan and South, where 2 car accidents occurred, and Boylan and Montford were brought up as areas of concern. Driving the wrong way on Dorthea and speeding also continues to be a problem. Officer DiCello and Smith now have e-bikes and will be riding around the neighborhood at times.

Officer DiCello [Blake.DiCello@raleighnc.gov](mailto:Blake.DiCello@raleighnc.gov) 919 306-3465

**IV. Continuing Business**

Guest - Bradley Kimbrell, Raleigh Transportation, Strategy and Development Administrator with Raleigh, transportation and bike and pedestrian planning, gave a presentation on the impact on Boylan Heights and downtown of multiple planned road closures. The planning projects out 25 years and assumes a 1.5% growth rate per year during this period. Per state guidelines Western Blvd, MLK Blvd, McDowell and Dawson cannot be changed, as they are under the jurisdiction of the State. The city decides on other streets. He showed 3 maps, depicting a.) future car usage without any street closures, b.) projected car usage/capacity when South Street

is closed, and c.) projected car capacity and pedestrian usage if streets if Hargett and Cabarrus are also closed. A Q&A session followed. Key points: South Street will be closed. A slip lane is planned to connect South Street between Dawson and McDowell. A separate strollway is planned across adjacent land. As part of the Southern Gateway Plan, more infrastructure and connecting streets are planned. Hargett Street will be closed - probably in 2027 - to make way for the S Line (high speed rail project). The proposed expansion of West Street, including the building of 4 new bridges, is on the state and city's priority list in conjunction with the Cabarrus St. closure. No date or full funding has been reached. Closing of Cabarrus at that time and conversion to a pedestrian/ bikeway has been proposed. The building of a fast train connecting Raleigh to Richmond and D.C and south to Atlanta and New Orleans has begun, with the first section between Raleigh and Wake Forest. This has been 30 years in the making and money, approval, and time for public input will continue.

Key Questions voiced at BH Meeting: What about pedestrian/bike access to Dix Park from Southeast Raleigh? Is there a guarantee that Lenoir will remain open? What if West Street is not opened or funded? When will West street be opened? - How will that affect increased traffic on Boylan in the meantime? There will be increased traffic on Boylan when South street closes AND when major events happen at Dix Park. Are emergencies considered? How could an ambulance get into Boylan Heights on busy event days? Who should be contacted for specific street level concerns? Further Information and Details: The presentation was limited by time constraints. For more detail and information check out these links supplied by the speaker.

Downtown Mobility Study

<https://raleighnc.gov/projects/downtown-mobility-study>

Next public touchpoint expected in Fall 2024.

Chavis-Dix Strollway Presentation

<https://cityofraleigh0drupal.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/drupal-prod/COR10/strollway-presentation-9-9-24.pdf>

S-Line Presentation from NCDOT: Rail, City Council Work Session, October 8, 2024

<https://raleigh.granicus.com/player/clip/7659>

RESOURCES & CONTACTS FOR RALEIGH TRANSPORTATION:

[transportationinfo@raleighnc.gov](mailto:transportationinfo@raleighnc.gov)

[Citizen Service Request \(See ClickFix\)](#)

Bradley Kimbrell 919 295-0695

Charitable Giving

Nominations and applications for BH Charitable giving are accepted through November 15th. Applications can be found on the Boylan Heights website.

## **V. Financial Report**

Financial report will be presented at the next meeting.

## **VI. New Business**

### Western NC Artists Support Project

The ArtWalk committee is extending a welcome to Western NC artists impacted by the floods to display art at this year's ArtWalk. This will entail enlarging the Artwalk to parts of Lenoir and South Street. Volunteers to house artists for 2 nights during the event are needed. There will be a donation table to support artists in Western North Carolina at this year's event.

### Halloween PUMPKIN GLOW on the Bridge

The Halloween tradition is back for 2024.!!! This year the Boylan Heights neighborhood will be joined by our neighbors across the bridge at Bloomsbury. All glowing and non-glowing pumpkins are welcome. Bring your pumpkins to display on the bridge for fun, fellowship and photo ops. Meet up time is 8:30 at the bridge this Halloween. Costumes optional.