



TOWN OF BLACK MOUNTAIN Active Mobility Commission

Town Hall, 160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711 and/or online

Date: August 15, 2023 Time: 6:00 **Regular Meeting**

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- I. **Call to Order** Chair
- II. **Quorum**
- III. **Public Comment**
Public Comment will also be permitted after each discussion.
- IV. **Agenda** -review and modify
- V. **Adoption of Minutes** Chair
- VI. **Old Business**
None
- VII. **New Business**
 - a. Election of Officers
 - b. Review of Applicant
- VIII. **Discussion**
- IX. **Adjournment**

Active Mobility Commission Minutes

June 20th, 2023

I. Call to Order

Julia Weatherford called the meeting to order at 6:00.

II. Quorum

Members Present: Cindy Costen, Kyle Cole, Julie White, Michelle Knight, Julia Weatherford, Lisa Raleigh

Staff Present: Josh Harrold, Jennifer Tipton

Council Members Present: Alice Berry, Archie Pertiller

III. Public Comment

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None.

IV. Agenda – review and modify

The agenda was reviewed, amended, and accepted.

V. Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the May meeting were adopted by consensus.

VI. Old Business

Discussion of how Commission works with council

There was a rather lengthy discussion around the role of the commission and how the commission can be effective and valuable to the council. The current ordinance defining the role of the commission was used as background for the discussion.

The council members present affirmed their desire to hear from the commission and to get their input on bike and ped projects. The way the current ordinance is written the commission can only work on things on which the council has asked for input. There was language stating the the commission could bring issues to the council, but a procedure for doing so was not described.

There was also discussion about the flow of communication between the planning department, the council, and the commission. Commission members expressed concern with the way projects were presented to the council without any input from the commission. The way the current ordinance is written there is no provision for that flow of communication to happen.

The following recommendations were made to the committee:

The commission should draft an addition to the ordinance laying out the procedure for how the commission can ask the council for permission to investigate an issue. Such a request would include a brief description of the issue and its importance to the town.

The council would then decide whether or not they wanted the commission to further explore the issue.

The commission should draft an addition to the ordinance stating that the planning department should notify the commission when they begin the planning of a project which affects bicycling and/or walking. Their input should be used in the planning of that project.

Members of the commission will draft these additions and get them to the chair of the commission for review. The final recommendations will be sent to the town administrator by the end of the day on Wednesday, June 27th for inclusion on the next council agenda.

VII. New Business

Membership

Julia thanked Cindy Costen for her work on the commission. Cindy has served two terms on the commission and will be going off of the commission following this meeting.

Jennifer shared that there are now 2 openings on the commission.

VIII. Discussion

None

IX. Adjournment

Julia adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



PUBLIC NOTICE **AVISO PÚBLICO**

BLACK MOUNTAIN ACTIVE MOBILITY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING **REUNIÓN ORDINARIA**

Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
Martes 15 de agosto de 2023, a las 6:00 p.m.

The Black Mountain Active Mobility Commission will meet for their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** in the conference room of Town Hall.

La Comisión de Movilidad Activa de Black Mountain se reunirá para su meeting mensual **el martes 15 de agosto de 2023, a las 6:00 p.m.** en la sala de conferencias del Ayuntamiento.

The meeting is open to the public.
La reunión está abierta al público

Jennifer Tipton
Senior Admin

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The Town of Black Mountain Town Council have adopted this application for use by individuals interested in appointment to the Town's advisory boards and commissions. To ensure that your application will receive full consideration, please answer all questions **completely**. Incomplete applications will **NOT** be considered.

Return this application either in person, by mail/email to: Town Clerk, Town of Black Mountain, 160 Midland Ave., Black Mountain, NC 28711. town.clerk@tobm.org

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: Kristie Bergna DATE: 07/13/2023

PREFERRED NAME: Kristie

HOME ADDRESS: 37 Winding Poplar Road

MAILING ADDRESS (if different): _____

CITY, STATE and Zip: Black Mountain, NC 28711

Do you live inside the town limits of Black Mountain? Yes _____ No X

EMAIL ADDRESS (*this is mainly how we will communicate with you*): kbergna@gmail.com

PHONE NUMBER(S): MAIN 707-291-7805 EMERGENCY 707-291-7805

ADVISORY BOARD/COMMISSION PREFERENCE

Please list the name of the board or commission to which you are applying or seeking reappointment. (You may apply for more than one, however you must submit a separate application for each board or commission you apply for.) Applicants will only be considered for one board or commission seat.

Board or Commission: Active Mobility Are you seeking re-appointment? Yes _____ No X

Why do you wish to serve the Town (or continue serving) in this capacity?

If additional space is needed please attach a separate sheet.

Please see attached

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Please list your educational background and any certifications you have.

University of California, Davis 2008 Art History Major, Exercise Biology Minor

EXPERIENCE & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Please describe any experience you have that would contribute to the purpose of the Board or Commission in which you are applying. Please list the names of all civic organizations in which you currently hold membership.

Please see attached

CERTIFICATE OF APPLICANT

This application is a public record.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the statements given truly represent my background and experience.

Kristie Bengra

Applicant's Signature

7/13/23

Date

Thank you for your interest in appointment to the Town of Black Mountain's Boards and Commissions. Individuals selected for appointment by the Town Council will assume their position on the date of Town Council approval and after they are sworn in. The Town Clerk will contact you to make arrangements for swearing in. All Town of Black Mountain Advisory Boards and Commissions must operate by the ethics, policies and laws set forth in the Boards & Commissions Handbook.

The Handbook and additional information may be viewed on the Town's website at www.townofblackmountain.org

Why do you wish to serve the town in this capacity?

My husband and I recently moved to Black Mountain in part due to the accessibility of the town by greenways and nearby outdoor activities. I'm so excited that creating more greenways is an important part of the town mission and want to be involved in the development. Due to a degenerative eye disease I have limited vision and find having non motorized pathways, sidewalks, etc to be extremely important to numerous people of different abilities. I want our town to be accessible and welcoming to as many people as possible; ranging from those with disabilities, to families with strollers, pet owners, elderly, and everyone in between.

Please describe any experience you have that would contribute to the Active Mobility Commission:

I worked in environmental engineering with a specific love for redesigning commercial and industrial areas to both serve their intended purpose and also be an outdoor space that employees could enjoy. Some projects I oversaw were: creating and designing a one mile nature trail around an industrial complex, an industrial wastewater cleaning system for water reuse in crop irrigation, and creating dry creek beds with native species plantings for stormwater management thus reducing erosion and sediment traveling into public waterways. I specifically enjoyed getting employees out in nature, involved in these projects, and excited for protecting the land around them.

As I said in the previous answer I also deal with limited mobility due to vision impairment. This means that I have a keen eye (haha, pun intended) for ways to make accessibility more broad. I'm able to notice things that those without impairment may not have needed to think about. This allows me to predict issues from the start rather than addressing issues as they arise. If issues do arise I'm very open to asking the person needing assistance for suggestions and fully understanding the scope of why something is difficult for them. I believe you can only truly know from your own experience, but the best way of helping others and learning about their lived experience is to fully listen and engage with what they are expressing.