

Minutes

City of Columbia Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

March 11, 2014

Submitted by Keith Gosselin

The Committee met from 4:00-5:30 PM at City of Columbia Offices, 1136 Washington Street, 6th Floor Conference Room

Present were: Mary Roe, presiding; Candace Knox, Brian Binette, Gene Bell, Michael Juras, Will Haltiwagner, Theresa Clement, Eileen Blyth, Valerie Marcel, John Beach, Jeremy Grant, Gordon Langston, and John Beach, Keith Gosselin all appointed. City staff members John Fellows, Dana Higgins, and Lucinda Statler.

(Topics in bold and responsible parties/questions are underlined)

1. **Vista Greenway Update**

Dana Higgins

Dana announced that consultants would be chosen within 2-3 weeks on the Vista Greenway Phase 2 project, funded by a SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism grant (<http://www.scprrt.com/>), the City of Columbia, and Palmetto Health. Phase 2 would extend the Vista Greenway from Taylor St. to Laurel St. as well as signage to Phase 1 trails and potentially address challenges related to Phase 1. A design could be considered in late summer. Dana to follow up with times/dates of public meetings for BPAC members to support.

2. **2014 Summit | League of American Bicyclist and Master Plan Update**

John Fellows

John represented the City of Columbia and BPAC at the League of American Bicyclist's 2014 Summit. Of interest, Pennsylvania created a unique coalition to support new state funding structure including diverse interests such as health associations and trucker organizations. Oregon used the lottery. In addition to state funding sources, John discussed the SC delegations visits to SC Congressmen and Senators and asked the BPAC group to consider the League's ask related to Federal legislation (<http://www.bikeleague.org/content/bike-summit-whats-ask>). Mary mentioned the desire to create a scholarship for a BPAC member to attend next year.

John also discussed that the Master Plan is in final contract review between COG (<http://www.state.sc.us/cogs/>) and City of Columbia Legal Dept.

3. **BPAC Structure Discussion**

Mary Roe

In order to improve communication and enhance leadership structure to handle both internal and external tasks and requirements, the group discussed additional leadership. After discussion, Dana presented by-laws for BPAC and in line with the by-law allowing a Vice-Chair the following was approved. Mary was encouraged to outline what areas of responsibility would be split between Natalie and Mary.

Committee motioned and approved the following:

Mary Roe would serve as Vice-Chair through the remainder of her term and/or at the Committee's discretion.

4. Committee Strengths and Interests Summary

Valerie Marcil

Valerie compiled and shared with the BPAC group (subsequent to the meeting) a significant review of the team's strengths and abilities in order to assist with structure and volunteer matching.

5. Potential BPAC Meeting date and time change discussion

Brian Binette

Discussion was around the possibilities of date and time changes both to the BPAC meeting itself and Happy Hour Handlebar. The group felt that both activities in the same week was something that could be improved. Mary to develop a Doodle poll to consider moving the time of the BPAC meeting. The current location was felt to be adequately sized and professional and most inclusive of the City staff.

6. Bike Month Activities

Get excited for May Bike Month activities was the theme of the last agenda item.

May 3 Bicycle Skills Clinic & Tour de Cure Mayors Bike Ride

A significant amount of work has been done to add sponsorship to this event, including Regions Bank, work with the Tour de Cure, and EarthFare.

- Register and information at www.diabetes.org/bikerodeo
- Keith to create Facebook event site
- BPAC members needed (10-15 volunteers) to support events during the day mostly 8-11:30

May 16 Bike to Work Day

- Keith/Eileen to create Facebook event, website and poster to help with team creation
- BPAC members needed to volunteer and email Mary about pit-stops throughout Columbia
- Other similar challenges were mentioned – Palmetto Coalition of Cycling (<http://pccsc.net/bike-month/>) and the National Bike Challenge (<https://nationalbikechallenge.org/about>)

Soda City Market

- BPAC members needed to staff table to promote awareness

May 21 Ride of Silence

- Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Midlands-Ride-of-Silence/329738491069>)

St Patty's Day and Historic Columbia Quest events also mentioned.

Adjourned 5:30