

Minutes

City of Columbia Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

April 21, 2014

Submitted by Keith Gosselin

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

Present were: Natalie Britt, presiding; Mary Roe, Candace Knox, Brian Binette, Gene Bell, Michael Juras, Theresa Clement, Tim Malson, Valerie Marcel, Jeremy Grant, Gordon Langston, Keith Gosselin all appointed. City staff members John Fellows, Dana Higgins, and Lucinda Statler. Guests included Reginald Simmons, Central Midlands Council of Governments and Jean Crowther, Senior Planner, Alta Planning and Design (<http://www.altaplanning.com/people/jean-crowther/>)

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

1. **Communication**

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Efforts to improve internal communication are moving forward with creating of an online working site and internal discussion group available for the Committee:

<http://sites.google.com/site/columbiascbpac/>

Meeting agendas, collateral, event publications, and minutes will be posted in the Document Library area.

2. **Bike Month Activities**

Mary Roe, Tim Malson, Others

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

BPAC meeting wise, Natalie suggested a bike ride as an alternate idea to formal meeting in May, corresponding with May Bike Month. It was brought up that similar excitement should surround October Walking Month.

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. Safe Routes to School is providing props needed for event.

- Register and information at www.diabetes.org/bikerodeo
- Volunteers are needed: www.diabetes.org/sctdcvolunteer (10-15 volunteers) to support events during the day mostly 8-11:30
- Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/events/600422956709329/>
- Regions to provide 2 bikes to School team leaders who bring the most students

May 16 Bike to Work Day

- Mary secured the State House grounds from 7:45 to 8:30; ride will leave at 8:15 down Main St and may interact with Good Life Café

- John to create and publish City flyer
- Keith to create Facebook event and poster
- Gene, Tim, John Beach? and Brian to organize local meetups

Soda City Market

- No discussion

May 21 Ride of Silence

- May 21 7PM 6:30 Washington Street United Methodist Church (Washington and Bull Streets)
- Mary to mention at HHH in May; Brian/Tim donate; however, other donations welcome
- Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Midlands-Ride-of-Silence/329738491069>)

3. Master Plan Update

Jean Crowther, Alta Planning

Natalie reminded the group of Palmetto Health and Central Midlands Council of Governments funding support followed by a presentation by Ms. Crowther. Key points:

- May: press conference, project web site and citizen survey
- June: outreach and analysis
- July: results of analysis
- October: Complete Street based recommendations including immediate horizon projects that can be accomplished in 90 days – 5 months focused on the 6 E's:
 - Engineering
 - Education
 - Enforcement
 - Encouragement
 - Evaluation
 - Equity

Open houses to be held in June and January. Final output will include street renderings and capital improvement business plans. Efforts will be made to align projects with TPAC/Penny tax.

Coupled with the Master Plan is an assessment and recommendation for a Bike Share program.

Adjourned 5:30