

## Minutes

### City of Columbia Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

July 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: Mary Roe, presiding; Gene Bell, Gordon Langston, Jeremy Grant, John Beach, Keith Gosselin, Michael Juras, Theresa Clement, Valerie Marcel. City staff members John Fellows, Dana Higgins, and Lucinda Statler. Guests included 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. Master Plan Update**

Lucinda Statler, Jean Crowther

Lucinda and Ms. Crowther gave an update on the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan effort. Transit surveys were being distributed in The Comet locations as well as the ongoing online effort (<http://www.walkbikecolumbia.org/>) which was going to be wrapped up shortly so that analysis could progress. Other outreach efforts mentioned included the Soda City market (requests were made for volunteers) and City Council.

Note: Following the meeting, Gene posted a Powerpoint summary of activities provided at the July Walk Bike Columbia Project Advisory Committee.

Discussion was had that protected bike lanes were needed.

Additionally, it was mentioned that rumble strips had been recently added to the 12<sup>th</sup> street extension which were detrimental to shoulder bike riding.

Concluding the discussion was a wrap up of the focus groups that had recently been conducted by Alta and the Walk Bike Columbia project team. Lucinda mentioned three themes she saw across the different constituencies: 1) New bike infrastructure was only as good as the ongoing maintenance of it; bike lanes need to be maintained to be useful. 2) Biking and bus education were critical (to that end, City staff had created a video) and 3) Transit Issues were important to overall pedestrian efforts.

#### **2. Handlebar Happy Hour**

Mary Roe

Mary briefed the group on her successful efforts to get August sponsorship for the ongoing Handlebar Happy Hour activity. New Belgium Brewery would sponsor beverages for August.

#### **3. Committee Engagement**

Keith Gosselin, Mary Roe

Keith and Mary presented [a plan](#) for ongoing committee engagement in order to supplement ongoing Master Plan activities. It was asked that each member sign up to an actionable goal and follow up with individual meetings to initiate prior to the next meeting.

Note: Following the meeting, these groups had been identified:

- Action goal #2 Bike Pedestrian Coordinator: **Candace, Theresa and Dana**
- Action goal # 3 Update City Council: **Natalie or Mary**
- Action goal #4 Trail Map and education: **Valerie, Mary** (1 more person needed)
- Action goal #6 Cola Town bike Coop; **Michael, Keith**
- Action goal #7 New Construction: **John B, Will. John F**
- Master Plan Committee: **Natalie, Gene**

**Adjourned 5:30**