

Minutes

City of Columbia Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

August 25, 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; Brian Binette, Eileen Blyth, Gene Bell, Gordon Langston, Jeremy Grant, Keith Gosselin, Michael Juras, Theresa Clement, Tim Malson, and Will Haltiwagner. City staff members John Fellows, Dana Higgins, and Lucinda Statler. Guests included Todd Martin, Parks and Recreation.

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

1. **Finlay Park Master Plan**

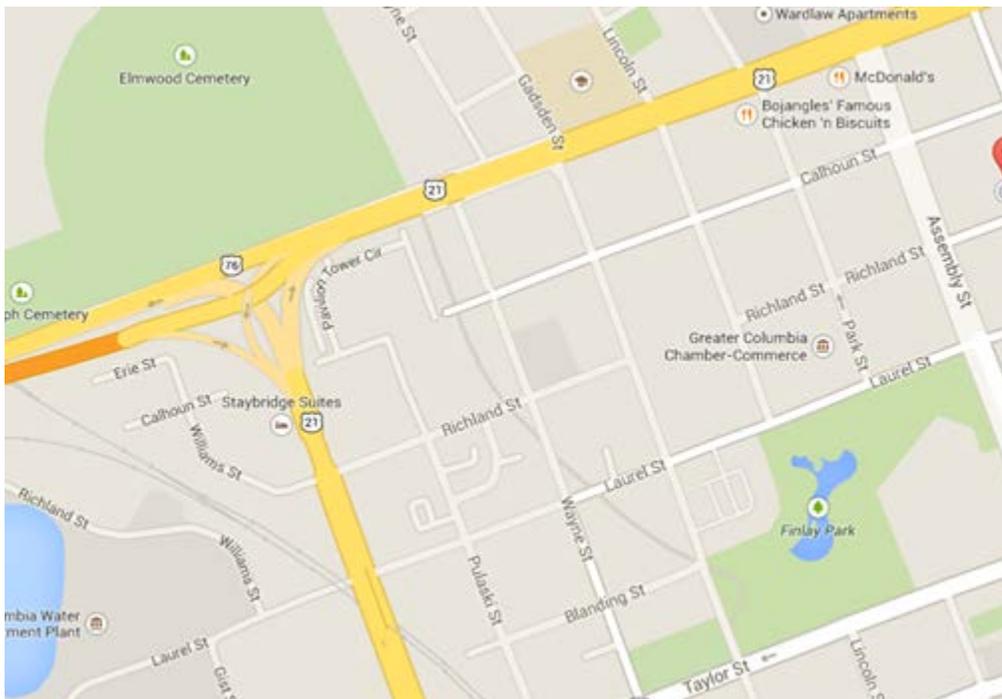
Todd Martin, Parks and Recreation

Mr. Martin gave the Committee an update on the Finlay Park Master Plan. An invitation was sent to Committee members for a kickoff meeting to discuss the planning and design process around restoration of Finlay Park (<http://goo.gl/a9uAP2>).

2. **Vista Greenway Phase 2 Update**

Dana Higgins

Dana updated the group on the progress of the Vista Greenway Phase 2 project. Her group has been working with Blake Sanders of Alta and a presentation was shared showing some of the slope analysis, design, sign analysis, and other design work. The Vista Greenway Phase 2 will connect Finlay Park with Elmwood Street.



Dana forwarded information on a September 11th public input meeting (6-7PM at the Arsenal Hill Community Bldg 1800 Lincoln St) which was posted post-meeting on the BPAC Facebook site.

Discussion was had about connecting it with surface streets in between the two end points and about the circular design of the Finlay Park entrance and whether it was optimal for cyclists travelling from one end to another.

Any Vista Greenway Phase III project would require right-of-way permissions near Elmwood Cemetery. Funding was also discussed.

3. Master Plan Update

Gene Bell

Gene updated the group on Alta activities related to the Master Plan. Prior to the meeting on Aug 6, he had shared [this update](#) via the Committee discussion board.

Alta collected ~800 surveys. They are working with local universities on the bike share portion of the Walk Bike Columbia effort.

Lucinda reminded the Committee that volunteers are still needed for pedestrian and bicycle counts Sept 16 and Sept 20. Sign up [here](#) by September 5th. ~30 may come from USC. Long-term goal would be to acquire bicycle-pedestrian counting equipment.

Brian Binette used the opportunity to share with the group news related to USC's bicycle efforts; he mentioned that the Blatt PE Center was looking to renovate its facilities to include a bicycle rental shop and bicycle sharing. Herbert Camp was mentioned as a contact.

(<http://www.sa.sc.edu/stlife/herbert-camp/>)

Lucinda also shared Alta's plan for an upcoming Innovative Design Training to be held October 8th (location TBD). She encouraged members with contacts in the planning, design, or architecture space to get in touch with Lucinda about an invitation. Jean Crowther expanded upon the agenda in a post-meeting email: *"We are still working on the agenda, but generally... we will present national trends in innovative bikeway design - what we have learned from new bikeway treatments and what are emerging as new national best practices. We will apply these concepts to one (or possible more than one) example corridor/intersections in Columbia with a goal of addressing design, but also operational and maintenance solutions."*

4. Committee Engagement

Updates were given from Committee members on action goals derived from [this](#).

- Action goal #2 Bike Pedestrian Coordinator: **Candace, Theresa and Dana**
 - Group is meeting. Discussed using clean air funding grant.

- Action goal # 3 Update City Council: **Natalie or Mary**
 - Next update to City Council may be requests for assistance on Bike Coop or Bike Pedestrian Coordinator?

- Action goal #4 Trail Map and education: **Valerie, Mary**

- Brian Binette joined this group. Valerie and Mary were unavailable to update.
- Action goal #6 Cola Town bike Coop; **Michael, Keith**
 - Mike, Keith, Scott Nuelken, Michael Miller, and Mike Ely met on 8/26 post-meeting to discuss next action items: legal setup, pamphlet, and reaching out steps for acquiring a permanent space for the Cola Town Bike Coop.
- Action goal #7 New Construction: **John B, Will, John F**
 - No update.
- Master Plan Committee: **Natalie, Gene**
 - See above.

5. Encouragement Activities

- **Jam Room Festival** Tim Malson
 - October 11th. Tim is coordinating valet for the event and coordinating with Christina at the American Diabetes Association. Volunteers can sign up here (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094da8ac2ea46-20141>)
- **Tour de Cure Ride**
 - It was noted that there will be a similar bike rodeo as last year.
- **Walking School Bus/Int'l Walk to School Day**
 - Volunteers are needed for a walking school bus to Logan Elementary on October 8th hosted by SC Safe Routes to School in conjunction with International Walk to School Day (<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>) It was mentioned that funding for SC Safe Routes to School at the Federal level would be stopped.
- **National Park(ing) Day** (<http://parkingday.org/blog>)
 - Opportunity exists for someone to explore setting up a livable area within a City parking space. John noted that in Houston, landscape architects were decorating with trees.

Natalie noted the opportunity to have a separate encouragement activities group.

Adjourned 5:30