



CITY OF COLUMBIA

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

February 12, 2018

4:30 PM

Richland Library – Main Branch, Room 213, 1431 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201

BETHANY BELL • BRIAN FAULKNER • CHRISTINA GALARDI • ERNEST GRIGG •
FRITZ HAMER • GENE BELL • JANE DOWNEY • JOHN GREEN • KEITH GOSSELIN •
SCOTT THORPE • SCOTT NUELKEN • RIP SANDERS • GLENN WEAVER • CHRYS ZOURAS

PRIOR TO ENTERING THE MEETING, PLEASE TURN ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (CELL PHONES, PAGERS, ETC.) TO THE SILENT, VIBRATE, OR OFF POSITION.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs Scott Thorpe and Christina Galardi at 4:34 pm. Members present: Bethany Bell, Brian Faulkner, Christina Galardi, Ernest Grigg, Fritz Hamer, Gene Bell, John Green, Keith Gosselin, Scott Thorpe, Scott Nuelken, Rip Sanders, Glenn Weaver, and Chrys Zouras. Also in attendance were John Fellows and Leigh DeForth, City Planning staff, and Lauren Hunt, USC.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Approve [January 22, 2018 minutes](#)

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Grigg, and seconded by Mr. Nuelken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

b. Revisiting Handlebar Happy Hour

Mr. Gosselin noted that Mr. Nuelken would be the speaker at HHH on February 21st, and that the bike shops and co-op would discuss moving forward as soon as they could gather together- possibly at HHH. It was noted that there may be further discussion on this at the March meeting once they had been able to meet.

There was discussion of the recent resignations of Debbie Bloom and Julie Hartwell, and of the resulting need for a new secretary. Mr. Grigg agreed to take the minutes for the meeting in progress.

Jane Downey entered the meeting.

c. Code Review Public Comments – March 1

Mr. Fellows noted that the BPAC special meeting had been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 14th, at 9am at 1136 Washington.

d. Upcoming Volunteer Needs (10 min)

i. [PSPL Counts](#) (March 22 & 24)

Mr. Fellows and Ms. DeForth provided information regarding the counts, noting that participation might help inform BPAC members and their discussion of bike and ped concerns in the City.

ii. [Open Streets](#) (April 22)

Ms. Galardi indicated that Ms. Hunt would be spearheading the recruitment and organization of volunteers for the event, in addition to her development of the toolkit. Ms. Downey noted that several sponsors have signed up, and that if members have potential activity leaders in mind, to please refer them to a member of the subcommittee, or reach out to them directly and make contact. PCF has added a volunteer recruitment option to the United Way recruitment

system. Ms. Downey also noted that it would be helpful to have someone who might be willing to handle social media up to and at the event.

iii. Bike Month (May)

Ms. Galardi noted that a schedule and details would be forthcoming, and that there would likely be volunteer needs for some of these events.

e. City Planning Update

Mr. Fellows discussed the update handout, and additions that he had made. There was a discussion of the pedestrian signalization timing and signage (no left turn during certain hours) modification to the intersection of Main and Taylor.

f. Strategic Planning Breakouts and Report Outs

BPAC members broke into three subcommittees and worked to develop planning for their subcommittees. The subcommittees were: Policy Advisement, Community Outreach and Education, and Projects and Initiatives.

Chrys Zouras entered the meeting.

i. Guiding documents:

- a. [Walk Bike Columbia Master Plan \(pgs. 123-129\)](#)
- b. [Public Space Public Life Action Plan \(pgs. 42-47\)](#)
- c. [Walk Friendly Community feedback](#)
- d. [Bike Friendly Community feedback](#)
- e. [Draft Subcommittee Goals & Objectives](#)
- f. [Communications](#) and [Audience Profiles](#)

ii. The Community Outreach and Education subcommittee reported that its five-year goal is to empower members of the community to speak out about their own bike and pedestrian priorities and for BPAC to become a known resource to the community. The subcommittee's one-year goal is to review previous work and establish 'tool kits' to distribute to communities in an effort to better educate them about bike and pedestrian topics.

iii. The Special Projects subcommittee reported that its five-year goal is to create enough infrastructure for Open Streets and Bike Month to run by themselves with limited BPAC support. The subcommittee also wants to encourage more bike friendly businesses and promote shared use of existing facilities. The subcommittee's one-year goal is to establish a direct connection to the University of South Carolina and remove crosswalk buttons from City streets.

iv. The Policy Advisement subcommittee reported that its five-year goal is to clearly define BPAC's role in relation to City processes as well as develop a better working relationship with Council. The subcommittee's one-year goal is to gain a better understanding of existing policy and participate in the code rewrite.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Green at 6:31 pm, and seconded by Mr. Nuelken. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- February 21, 2018: Handlebar Happy Hour, Publick House, 2307 Devine Street, 6pm
- March 12, 2018: BPAC Meeting, 4:30 pm, Room 213 Richland Library Main
- March 15-18, 2018: [Bike Bike Southeast](#)
- March 22 & 24, 2018: [Public Space Public Life Counts](#)
- April 22, 2018: [Open Streets Columbia](#)

Future Dates to Hold

- May is Bike Month