



CITY OF COLUMBIA

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

March 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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs Scott Thorpe and Christina Galardi at 4:32 pm. Members present: Bethany Bell, Brian Faulkner, Christina Galardi, Gene Bell, Jane Downey, John Green, Keith Gosselin, Scott Thorpe, Scott Nuelken, Rip Sanders, Glenn Weaver, and Chrys Zouras. Also in attendance was John Fellows, City Planning staff.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Approve [February 12, 2018 minutes](#)

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Keith Gosselin and seconded by John Greene. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

b. Review strategic planning recaps and liaison roles

i. [Community Outreach subcommittee](#)

Chanique Belton, Executive Assistant to City Council, City of Columbia, spoke to the committee about the lack of diversity on city boards and commissions. She informed the committee about plans to promote the city boards and commissions to a wider audience (i.e., going to talk directly with neighborhood associations). Ms. Belton asked the committee for suggestions on their outreach efforts. Scott Nuelken shared that he had recently spoken with Sabrina Odum at the North Columbia Business Association and that she was going to try to recruit for vacant seats on BPAC. Bethany Bell suggested including information about the Boards and Commissions in school newsletters. Ms. Belton also informed us that the application deadline for the open positions on BPAC will be late April and that Council will review the applications at the second Council meeting in May.

ii. [Projects and Initiatives subcommittee](#)

iii. [Policy Advisement subcommittee](#)

The Co-chairs presented their request for the structure of future meetings – sub-committees will report what they are working on and who they are working with. For the April meeting, sub-committees are to be prepared to share updated timelines and one-year goal.

c. Code rewrite comments ([draft](#)) and code adoption timeline

Policy sub-committee will be tracking the code rewrite process. Comments were submitted on Feb 28, 2018. John Fellows shared more details about the process of comments, revisions, etc. A second draft should be available in the Fall. At that time, BPAC will direct letters to the planning commission and City Council.

d. BPAC membership diversity letter ([draft](#))

The draft letter was reviewed. Committee agreed that it should be sent to City Council in May so it is fresh in their minds for the new BPAC member selection on the second Tuesday of May.

e. Handlebar Happy Hour

Keith Gosselin shared that at the February HHH that he informed everyone that it was the last BPAC sponsored HHH and that the responsibilities have been handed over to other bike focused groups, businesses, etc. It was also announced that Mary Roe will sponsor a unique HHH for Bike Month.

f. Open Streets planning & sustainability

Jane Downey updated the committee – they are trying to finalize participants and that the event was in need of participants from outside the Devine Street area. The committee also discussed what this event might look like in the future and where staff and other resources might come from to help support the event.

g. Bike Month sustainability

The Bike Month schedule will be distributed in April. The planning company that has been helping plan Bike Month in the past is not renewing their contract with city. Will need more infrastructure to keep events going. The committee discussed possible ways to obtain support from the city. For example, we should coordinate with other groups and present to Council the need for “event personnel” for the City – could be modeled after the way Greenville as handled these issues.

h. City Planning update

John Fellows provided the updates.

- Multi-Modal Transportation position – completing interviews and aiming for a July start date.
- The City is in early discussion with SCDOT regarding the resurfacing of Farrow Road – drawings are currently being created.
- Pump Track will be going in at Owens Field – will be looking for volunteers to help with this.
- March Public Space-Pubic Life Counts: still need more volunteers.
- AARP Pubic Space Table: Tables will be deployed M-F, mid-morning (11:30-2:00ish). Tables will be at the Meridian Building, City of Columbia Office Building, and outside Drip on Main Street.
- Knight City Challenge Project: At the State House. Every Wednesday in April & May during lunch time (approximately 11:30 – 1:30pm) and every Saturday in April & May at the end of Soda City (approximately 12:30-2:30). The nature of the events will vary – artists, music, etc. The City will need help counting the space – what chairs are people sitting in, etc.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. ADJOURN

Christina Galardi motioned to adjourn. John Greene seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57pm.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- April 16, 2018: BPAC Meeting, 4:30 pm, Room 213 Richland Library Main
- April 22, 2018: [Open Streets Columbia](#)
- Gather SC (April 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28, and May 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, and 26)
- May is Bike Month