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# CITY OF COLUMBIA

## BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

April 8, 2019 - 4:30 PM

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

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GENE BELL • BRIAN FAULKNER • CHRISTINA GALARDI • ERNEST GRIGG •  
FRITZ HAMER • CHASE KEIBLER • DAVID KING • GEORGE KOKOLIS • SCOTT NUELKEN •  
RIP SANDERS • SCOTT THORPE • CYNTHIA WATSON • 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 Scott Thorpe and seconded by Scott Neulken. Additional Members present: Christina Galardi, Brian Faulkner, Fritz Hamer, David King, George Kokolis, Scott Neulken, Scott Thorpe, Cynthia Watson, and Chrys Zouras. Also in attendance was John Fellows and Natavis Harris from City of Columbia.

### II. REGULAR AGENDA

#### a. Minutes:

##### i. Approve [February](#) and [March](#) 2019 Minutes

- a. The February and March meeting minutes were by motion of Scott Neulken and seconded by Fritz Hamer.

#### b. Updates:

##### i. Complete Streets

- a. Co-chair Scott Thorpe provided an update on Legislative progress. H 3656 Complete Streets is still in committee. Link to the bill's status and fiscal impact: <https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3656>. Thorpe informed the committee that the bill has stalled, and will not make it past crossover day, therefore continue efforts.

##### ii. Bike Month

- a. As May is Bicycle Month, Christina provided events to attend:
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> is Sprocket Launch at CTBC, to include Handlebar Happy Hour
  - May 5<sup>th</sup> is Tour & Taco (aka Tour de Taco)
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> is the Bike Proclamation
  - May 8<sup>th</sup> is Bike-to-School Day
  - May 13<sup>th</sup> BPAC meets
  - May 14<sup>th</sup> 14-18 is Bike-to-Work Week
  - May 16<sup>th</sup> is the Ride of Silence
  - May 17<sup>th</sup> is Bike-to-Work Day
  - May 19<sup>th</sup> is the Columbia Preservation Ride
  - May 22<sup>nd</sup> is Bike, Bocce, and Beer
  - May 12<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> is Bike-to-the-Ballgame at Segra Park
  - May 29<sup>th</sup> is the Mayor's Ride

##### iii. Leadership Status:

- a. Thorpe and Galardi will not be in attendance at the May BPAC meeting, and will assign their duties to other BPAC members for that meeting.

- iv. Open Streets
  - a. Galardi reminded the committee that April 20<sup>th</sup> is the Open Streets in Columbia.
  - b. She informed members that Lexington Medical Center’s Heart and Soul Run is also that day. Progress is being made to register organizations.
  - c. There may be cross promotion with Open Studios, and a potential Rosewood Fall event. The Council of Neighborhoods has been informed of the event.
- v. Richland County Penny
  - a. Thorpe updated the committee on Richland County Penny Tax Hampton Street and Calhoun Street projects. Rocky Branch and Gills Creek may still happen on a smaller scale.
  - b. Thorpe thanked Scott Nuelken for his outreach efforts with Bull Street and county/city issues.
  - c. John Fellows spoke on repaving/grinding conflicts throughout the county and in Columbia. Thorpe and Nuelken suggested the focus be on grinding and Thorpe will draft a letter to approve of the grinding approach.
- vi. City Comprehensive Plan
  - Website: <https://www.columbiacompass.org/>
  - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ColaCompass/>
  - Twitter: <https://twitter.com/colacompass>
  - a. John Fellows updated the committee on the City’s Comprehensive Plan.
  - b. Latavius (Eric) Harris, Transportation Planner for Planning & Development Services at the City of Columbia was introduced.
  - c. John Fellows provided an update on Public Life/Public Space and bicycle/pedestrian counts.
- vii. Advocacy vs. Advising
- viii. Public Life Public Space and Bike and Pedestrian Counts
- ix. City Planning Update
- c. Strategic Planning
  - i. Breakout/Follow-up Discussion

**III. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a. Galardi informed members of Richland County Recreation Commission’s request for a presentation about Open Streets.
- b. Brian Faulkner will be leaving the BPAC for a job in Denver.
- c. Guest - Bart Walrath from the Vista

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**V. ADJOURN**

Scott Thorpe moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:35pm. Christina Galardi seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

- April 20, 2019 Open Streets
- May 13, 2019: BPAC Meeting, 4:30 pm, Room 213 Richland Library Main
- May 2019: Bike Month

**Future Dates to Hold**