



CITY OF COLUMBIA

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

August 12, 2019

4:30 PM

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

GENE BELL • 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 at 4:30pm by Natavis Harris, with the City of Columbia, and seconded by Christina Galardi. Additional Members present: Fritz Hamer, Gene Bell, Scott Thorpe, Rip Sanders & Chrys Zouras. Also in attendance were John Fellows and Dana Higgins with City of Columbia.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Minutes:

- May 2019 Minutes were approved.

b. Committee Reports

- Community Outreached Subcommittee

- Outreach Strategy (neighborhoods)

Scott Thorpe updated BPAC on the subcommittee outreach efforts to neighborhood associations. Fritz Hamer suggested offering neighborhoods to have BPAC organize community bike rides.

- Policy Advisement Subcommittee

- Complete Streets policy, Calhoun St.

Fritz Hamer asked the committee for review and feedback on his draft letter to City Council. Christina Galardi updated the committee on the status of the Calhoun Street project. Richland County has rejected the City's requirement that the project include repaving, so this project will not likely proceed. Businesses on the street have also voiced concerns regarding the reduction in parking spaces caused by the project plan.

Christina Galardi updated the committee on the most efficient method for BPAC members to deliver comments to the Complete Streets Policy to the City.

The committee had a discussion with John Fellows and Dana Higgins on where and how to send suggested revisions to the Complete Streets Policy adoption.

- Projects and initiative Subcommittee

- Ped Safety-focused project/activity

Christina Galardi updated the committee on efforts to communicate the "Safe Routes to School" program to the local schools as well as efforts to promote the "National Walk to School Day" with local schools.

The committee also discussed other ideas for how to engage the community in bike/pedestrian initiatives.

c. Updates:

- Upcoming [Annual Pedestrian & Bike Counts](#) – Harris
 - September 2019

Natavis Harris updated the committee on the dates, locations and how to sign up as a volunteer for the counts. He also updated the committee on the current enrollment for the volunteer spots.

- BPAC Evaluation Survey

Natavis Harris explained the purpose and goals of the survey to the committee.

Harris further explained that he will distribute the survey by email and present the survey results at the October BPAC meeting.

- Heathwood Hall Private School Tour

Harris updated that committee that Heathwood Hall School lost funding for this program so no tour will be planned.

- [PARK\(ing\) Day 2019](#)

John Fellows and Natavis Harris updated the committee on the schedule for the event and the process for signing up for a parking day spot. The committee discussed the prospects of the committee participating in the event again and the logistics for doing so.

- Play with Your City Design Competition Reminder – John

John Fellows updated the committee on the results of the contest and participation levels.

- City Planning Update – John

John Fellows updated the committee on the status of several City projects.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

V. ADJOURN

Natavis Harris motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. The motion was seconded by Rip Sanders.