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# CITY OF COLUMBIA

## BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

November 18, 2019

4:30 PM

Richland Library – Main Branch, Room 214, 1431 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201

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CHRISTINA GALARDI • ERNEST GRIGG •  
FRITZ HAMER • CHASE KEIBLER • GEORGE KOKOLIS •  
RIP SANDERS • CYNTHIA WATSON • CHRYS ZOURAS

### MEETING MINUTES

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Christina Galardi. Chase seconded the motion. Members present: Chase Keibler, Christina Galardi, Cynthia Watson, George Kokolis. Also in attendance was John Fellows and Natavis Harris with City of Columbia. City of Columbia resident Bart Walrath and Donna Jean were also in attendance.

#### II. REGULAR AGENDA

##### a. Minutes:

- Approval of September and October 2019 Minutes. Christina Galardi asked the Committee for any comments to the meeting minutes and there were no comments. She moved to approve the minutes and Chase Keibler Hamer seconded the motion.

##### b. Updates:

- Council Work Session Presentation – Christina tells group that the working session presentation will occur soon and is intended to be short and focused. She will also mention the desire for BPAC diversity and representation. John tells us that a City Council meeting will occur on December 17, from 2-6 pm. The agenda is still being created, BPAC will try to be at the beginning of the meeting. Cynthia discusses the idea that BPAC participation by non-board members should be counted towards becoming a board member. The group is reminded to contact their council representative to inform them of meritorious candidates for BPAC.
  - Mission Statement
  - Membership Composition – Christina says that City Council is scheduled to meet on Monday November 25 to approve potential BPAC board members. She reminds us that applications are rolling and still available to interested persons.
  - BPAC Appointment – Natavis tells us that City of Columbia staff will meet with prospective BPAC board members and provide them with information. Christina would also like to contact them to instill BPAC values and ideas. John offers to include Christina in the staff meeting.
- Blue Bike Analysis Final Presentation – Natavis leads a Blue Bike analysis, followed by a robust group discussion about trips and locations. Christina asks

if the data yielded any surprising results. Natavis responds that people will travel far in order to ride on the Riverfront Park path.

- City Planning Update – Natavis tells us that the city is working on updates to Washington + Marion street, and plan to have a Millwood public meeting early next year. The city is working on ideas for Dreher bicycle lanes. A work session is planned to take place on December 3.
- How to sign up for emails for Council, Planning Commission, etc. – Natavis tells us that if we want further communication about things, just email him.
- Trail Standards – John tells us that city council will meet on November 25 to finalize Gills-Creek trail standards, which include engineering standards, maintenance rules, and security agreements.
- Discussion of Encouragement and Education Funding – John discusses the Education and Encouragement survey results. Bart wants to ensure that pedestrian interests are also served by BPAC. Chase discusses an awareness campaign for BPAC interests, and also possibly hiring a Public Relations firm to help. Cynthia tells the group of the fear that many bicycle riders feel while riding in Columbia. Also of the need for an education and encouragement campaign that has a consistent message. John discusses targeting bicycle, pedestrian, and automobile safety populations. Christina discusses funding with the group, which may be hampered with our lack of 501(c3) status. John says that BPAC can probably get an account, but that checks will have to be made to the City of Columbia. John tells the group that the \$20,000 we have must be spent by the end of the fiscal year, but probably earlier (by May) due to closing the books on time. John suggests narrowing down the Encouragement and Engagement survey results to approximately 6 ideas, after which he will provide back-of-envelope calculations for costs.

**III. OTHER BUSINESS-** none discussed.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT** - none discussed

**V. ADJOURN**

- Christina Galardi motioned to adjourn the meeting. George Kokolis seconded the motion.