



CITY OF COLUMBIA

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

October 14th, 2019

4:30 PM

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

GENE BELL • 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. Rip Sanders seconded the motion. Additional Members present: Fritz Hamer, Chase Keibler, George Kokolis, Cynthia Watson & Chrys Zouras. Also in attendance was John Fellows and Natavis Harris with City of Columbia. City of Columbia resident Bart Walrath and Jason Craig, Executive Director of Sustainable Midlands, were also in attendance.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Minutes:

- Approve September 2019 Meeting Minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

b. Committee Reports:

- Community Outreach Subcommittee (Sanders, Grigg, and Watson)
 - No new report was delivered.
 - Christina Galardi informed the Committee that NOMA and other community associations have budgeted hosting an Open Streets event.
- Policy Advisement Subcommittee (Bell, Keibler, Zouras, and Galardi)
 - Natavis Harris provided the Committee with the status of the Complete Streets Policy and initiatives.
- Projects and Initiative Subcommittee (Kokolis and Hamer)
 - Walk to School Day – Christina Galardi gave the Committee a summary report of the Walk to School event at Logan School.
 - Fritz Hamer informed the Committee that he was working with Councilwoman Devine about organizing a community ride event in her district and keep the Committee apprised of his efforts.

c. Updates:

- Handlebar Happy Hour – Christina Galardi gave a brief report on last month's event.
- Council Work Session Presentation – Christina Galardi informed the Committee that the session date was postponed and provided a brief summary of what she planned to present to the Council for BPAC.

- Play with Your City (Oct. 24, 2019) – Christina Galardi updated the Committee on event’s request for volunteers from BPAC. She asked members to volunteer.
- County Council Greenways – Christina Galardi updated the Committee on County Council position on the Greenway project funding and development plans. She explained that the County is contemplating moving certain funding for individual Greenway projects to consolidate funding for one project.
- BPAC Evaluation Survey Presentation – Natavis Harris presented the results of the survey to the Committee and the Committee discussed the information.
- Blue Bike Analysis Presentation – Natavis Harris tabled his presentation until a future meeting.
- Trail Standards – John Fellows informed the Committee new standards were designed and are being presented to Council for consideration. Fellows explained some of the restrictions caused by the current standards and the need for more flexible design standards.
- Discussion of Encouragement and Education Funding – John Fellows provided the Committee a memorandum explaining the funding and the structure of the program. He reviewed the memorandum with the Committee and asked the Committee to provide him feedback on potential programs or projects that BPAC could fund with the program.

d. Strategic Planning & Annual Elections.

- BPAC composition and number of Members. Natavis Harris led a Committee discussion of potential Committee size and election of Committee Chairperson and other organizational matters.
- Chris Zouras made a motion to elect a Committee Co-chair to serve with current Co-chair, Christina Galardi. Ms. Galardi seconded the motion.

e. Acknowledgment of Service. The Committee acknowledged the service of the following members by Motion of Christina Galardi, seconded by Rip Sanders:

- Bell
- Grigg
- Galardi

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

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - none discussed

V. **ADJOURN**

- Rip Sanders motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6pm. Christina Galardi seconded the motion.