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# CITY OF COLUMBIA

## BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

September 16, 2019

4:30 PM

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

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GENE BELL • CHRISTINA GALARDI • ERNEST GRIGG •  
FRITZ HAMER • CHASE KEIBLER • DAVID KING • GEORGE KOKOLIS • SCOTT NUELKEN •  
RIP SANDERS • SCOTT THORPE • CYNTHIA WATSON • CHRYS ZOURAS

### MEETING MINUTES.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:34pm by Christina Galardi. Natavis Harris, with the City of Columbia, seconded the motion. Additional Members present: Fritz Hamer, Gene Bell, Scott Thorpe, Rip Sanders, George Kokolis, Cynthia Watson & Chrys Zouras. Also in attendance was John Fellows with City of Columbia. City of Columbia resident Bart Walrath was also in attendance.

#### II. REGULAR AGENDA

##### a. Minutes:

- Approval of August 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 Fritz Hamer seconded the motion.

##### b. Committee Reports

- Community Outreach Subcommittee:
  - Christina Galardi asked the Committee if the members were able to incorporate the outreach email template when attempting to correspond with neighborhood associations. Rip Sanders said he was able to use the template to email neighborhood association contacts.
  - Christina Galardi also informed the Committee of parties with the American Heart Association to contact in outreach efforts.
- Policy Advise ment Subcommittee:
  - Natavis Harris informed the Committee that the City would provide the Committee with a memo on the status of the Complete Streets Policy.
  - John Fellows provided a brief overview of the origin and purpose of the Complete Streets Policy.
  - Christina Galardi asked Fellows for an update on the status of the Columbia Compass project, and he provided the Committee the same and its schedule.
- Projects and Initiative Subcommittee:
  - Christina Galardi updated the Committee on the potential of NOMA hosting an Open Streets event in the North Main Street community.

- Christina Galardi updated the Committee on the “Play with Your City” planning competition event on October 24th and the organizers’ solicitation of BPAC to participate.
- The Committee engaged in a group discussion regarding the prospects of BPAC facilitating bike/walk events in City neighborhoods.
- The Committee discussed the logistics and goals of planning and facilitating such events. Scott Thorpe suggested that the Committee consider how to capitalize on the events and experience to inform and educate the public on bike/pedestrian infrastructure needs and their value.
- Walk to school day. Christina Galardi updated the Committee on her efforts to contact the schools registered for the event on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Cynthia Watson informed the Committee that she had contacted Logan School and it has agreed to allow BPAC “adopt” their school for the event, i.e. support for the event and planning.

c. Updates:

- Handlebar Happy Hour – Scott Thorpe informed the Committee that the Hunter Gatherer has agreed to host the event monthly on the second Wednesday of every month.
- Upcoming [Annual Pedestrian & Bike Counts](#) – Natavis Harris updated the Committee on the volunteer participation levels and how volunteers can sign up.
- BPAC Evaluation Survey – Natavis Harris updated the Committee on delivery of the Survey to current and past BPAC members and asked the Committee members to reach out to past and current members to participate in the Survey. He also explained the purpose and value of the Survey.
- [PARK\(ing\) Day 2019](#) – Natavis Harris updated the Committee on the City’s plans for the event. Christina Galardi informed the Committee of the location of our spot, partnering with the Gills Creek Watershed Association, and plans for the same.
- Public Space Public Life Report – Natavis Harris updated the Committee on the status of this Report.
- Blue Bike – Statistics - Natavis Harris provided the Committee with reports on the use numbers of the of the bikes in the program. He asked the Committee to review the numbers and provide him any comments.
- City Planning Update –
  - Natavis Harris informed the Committee that the City Micro-mobility Committee has started working to formulate a City Policy towards E-scooters, and he will update the Committee as this policy formulation evolves.
  - Natavis Harris updated the Committee on the status of the project plans for the Millwood Project. Two different concepts are being considered, and the City is working with the SCDOT on the plans. The public meeting is not scheduled yet.

d. Strategic Planning

- Breakout/Follow-up Discussion was tabled.

**III. OTHER BUSINESS – None.**

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.**

**V. ADJOURN**

- Chris Zouras motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm; Scott Thorpe seconded the motion.