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# CITY OF COLUMBIA

## BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

February 11, 2019

4:30 PM

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

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BETHANY BELL • BRIAN FAULKNER • CHRISTINA GALARDI • ERNEST GRIGG •  
FRITZ HAMER • GENE BELL • JOHN GREEN • DAVID KING •  
SCOTT THORPE • SCOTT NUELKEN • RIP SANDERS • CHRYS ZOURAS

### MEETING MINUTES

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Christina Galardi and seconded by Scott Thorpe. Additional Members present: Ernest Grigg, John Green, Bethany Bell, Brian Faulkner, Fritz Hamer, Scott Neulken & Rip Sanders. Also in attendance was John Fellows from City of Columbia.

#### II. REGULAR AGENDA

##### a. Minutes:

###### i. Approve [January 2019 Minutes](#).

- a. The January meeting minutes were by motion of Ernest Griggs and seconded by John Green.

##### b. Updates:

###### i. BPAC Update to Council – February 2019:

- a. Christina Galardi gave the committee a summary of the latest updates to the presentation to City Council. Scott Thorpe encouraged other committee members to attend.

###### ii. Co-Chair Update:

- a. Christina Gilardi gave a summary of her and Scott's appearance on a local radio station, The Point, to discuss BPAC, as well as a Sierra Club meeting appearance.
- b. Gilardi noted that she would also be speaking to students at the USC School of Health about BPAC and related issues at the invitation of a professor in the department.
- c. Gilardi advised the committee that the Greenway tours date has changed from February 14<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

###### iii. Bike Month:

- a. John Green gave the committee an update on the planned events for Bike Month and funding needs for social events.
- b. Gilardi asked Green to pursue sponsorship funding.
- c. Scott Neulken suggested organizing a bike-to-the-ballpark event for Bike Month as was organized last year.
- d. John Fellows suggested an event to include North Columbia area and Columbia College.

###### iv. Open Streets:

- a. Gilardi updated the committee on current Open Streets event issues with permitting to increase the number of blocks under permit. The Main Street permitting process is going slowly.
- b. Gilardi informed the committee that the Rosewood Neighborhood was interested in hosting the event. In addition, the Cotton Town area is interested in hosting.
- c.

###### v. City Comprehensive Plan – Community meetings are scheduled 02.12.19 and 02.13.19

Website: <https://www.columbiacompass.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ColaCompass/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/colacompass>

- a. John Fellows gave an update on the status of the plan and asked committee members to promote participation on the City's online survey seeking public input on the plan. He further asked members to promote the same on social media platforms.

vi. City Planning Update:

- a. John Fellows provided update to the committee regarding City Planning matters including a handout listing various projects and their status.

c. Discussion

i. Pedestrian Safety:

- a. Gilardi asked the committee for input on how to bring more community attention to the current issues relating to pedestrian safety in Columbia. She proposed to start an email thread with the committee to provide their input.

ii. Sprockett Demo:

- a. Scott Neulken provided the committee with a presentation on the Sprockett App and how it works to provide bike-friendly routes in Columbia. The app's debut is scheduled for early April.

d. Strategic Planning

- i. Breakout/Follow-up Discussion- tabled until next meeting.

III. **ADJOURN** – Ernest Griggs moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:35pm. Rip Sanders seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.