



CITY OF COLUMBIA

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

January 22, 2018
4:30 PM

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

**BETHANY BELL • BRIAN FAULKNER • CHRISTINA GALARDI • DEBRA BLOOM • ERNEST GRIGG •
FRITZ HAMER • GENE BELL • JANE DOWNEY • JOHN GREEN • JULIE HARTWELL • KEITH GOSELIN •
SCOTT THORPE • SCOTT NUELKEN • RIP SANDERS • GLENN WEAVER • CHRYS ZOURAS**

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PHONES, PAGERS, ETC.) TO THE SILENT, VIBRATE, OR OFF POSITION.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs Scott Thorpe and Christina Galardi at 4:33pm. Members present: Bethany Bell, Brian Faulkner, Christina Galardi, Keith Gosselin, Scott Thorpe, Scott Nuelken, Rip Sanders, Glenn Weaver, Chrys Zouras. Also in attendance were David King (BPAC member starting September 2018), as well as a member of the public.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

As Ms. Bloom was unable to attend the meeting, Ms. Bell volunteered to take minutes.

a. Approve December 11, 2017 minutes

A motion to approve the minutes with a modification to add an “s” to “new 2018 member” was made by Ms. Bell, and seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

b. Letters to Council:

Mr. Grigg entered the meeting at 4:37pm

i. Drive-thru impact

Discussion regarding drafting comments, instead of a letter to Council, to be submitted with the Code rewrite comments (due March 1, 2018) occurred.

ii. Relocation of Richland County Offices to Columbia Place Mall

Discussion occurred regarding the draft letter. Requested additions regarding transit access to the Magistrate Court on Decker, data on bus ridership, and the scope of services at the building were made.

iii. Quarterly Letter

The Co-Chairs asked for review of and feedback on the letter, which would be sent to Council in lieu of a presentation.

Discussion regarding the map provided by Ms. DeForth which identified the Walk Bike Columbia (WBC) recommended facility types for the routes identified on the December presentation for which prioritization by the Penny was requested. Concerns regarding the recommended facility type on Pickens of a Bike Boulevard between Blossom and Rosewood due to the hill near Whaley were discussed. It was noted that staff worked to advocate for appropriate facility types, guided by WBC, along bikeways developed by the Penny, and

that a request to prioritize these routes for funding, design, and implementation did not indicate that facility types had been designed.

Ms. Bell asked that the letter elaborate on CPD Bike Patrol efforts.

iv. Update to bylaws on appointment by District/BPAC appointments as representative of the City

It was determined that this concern would be handled within the update to Council, not an amendment to the BPAC bylaws.

c. Strategic Planning in February or March

Discussion regarding strategic planning for 2018 occurred, and it was decided that BPAC should extend their meeting to accommodate the strategic planning discussion in February (from 4:30-6:30 pm). Prior to the February meeting, committee members are to inform the co-chairs what sub-committee they want to join.

d. Handlebar Happy Hour

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Gosselin to move the responsibility for Handlebar Happy Hour (HHH) to the bike shops. This motion was seconded by Mr. Thorpe. The committee discussed the relevance of HHH as an education and outreach event, and the second, and the motion, were withdrawn. It was decided that Mr. Gosselin, Mr. Nuelken, and Mr. King would explore the viability of transferring HHH duties to bike shops or other entities before the February meeting.

e. PR/Communications Update

The Co-Chairs asked the committee to review the audience profiles and BPAC talking points prior to strategic planning in February.

i. Audience Profiles

There was discussion of the profiles provided by USC students; Mr. Grigg agreed to provide a summary of methods utilized by the students to BPAC.

ii. BPAC Talking Points

f. Review of Purpose and what worked well in 2017

Ms. Bell requested that involvement with the Walkable 29203 planning process be added to this document.

i. Open Streets Summary

g. Consolidation of Committees / Subcommittee Goals and Deliverables

The committee briefly discussed this document in advance of February's strategic planning session.

h. Zoning Ordinance Public Review Open House

Ms. Bloom, Mr. Gosselin, and Mr. Faulkner were able to attend the meetings. Mr. Fellows noted that the special meeting which had been scheduled for BPAC to discuss the Code rewrite would be rescheduled in the near future. Comments are due on March 1, 2018.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Monthly update from City Planning

Mr. Fellows discussed the following projects: Farrow Road; Main Street (Pendleton to Blossom); Main Street intersections with Laurel and Blanding; TAP bikeways on Washington and Marion; TAP esplanade connector; Penny projects for Hampton, the intersection of Elmwood and Bull, Greene Street Ph. II, bikeway projects; and NEPA process for railroad consolidation. Mr. Fellows also reviewed the Code rewrite process, CDBG application process, the Midlands Business Leadership Group (MBLG) priority initiatives for 2018, the Do Good Columbia project, the City website update, the Amazing Place Forum, and the upcoming Public Space Public Life (PSPL) Counts in March.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

David King discussed Bike Bike Southeast (March 15-18) and the ten bike fixit stations that will be installed around the City (some will be across the river).

V. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Nuelken at 5:53pm, and seconded by Mr. Thorpe. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- February 12, 2018: BPAC Meeting, 4:30 pm, Room 213 Richland Library Main

Future Dates to Hold

- March 22 & 24, 2018: Public Space Public Life Counts
- April 22, 2018: Tentative date for Open Streets Columbia