



CITY OF COLUMBIA

BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

March 11, 2019

4:30 PM

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

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 Gilardi and seconded by Scott Thorpe. Additional Members present: Brian Faulkner, Fritz Hamer, Gene Bell, Scott Neulken, Rip Sanders, Chrys Zouras & David King. Also in attendance was John Fellows from City of Columbia, Chase Keibler, George Kokolis and Cynthia Watson. Gilardi introduced Keibler, Kokolis and Watson to the committee as prospective new members to the committee.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Minutes:

i. Approve February 2019 Minutes:

- a. Approval of the February meeting minutes was deferred until next month's meeting.

b. Updates:

i. BPAC Update to Council – February 2019- Follow Up:

- a. Co-chair Scott Thorpe provided the committee with a summary of the presentation and expressed optimism about City Council's response to the update. Specifically, he was encouraged by the Council's discussion of the sidewalk repair budget allocations.
- b. Co-chair Christina Gilardi asked John Fellows how the committee could best track the ultimate budget allocations for the sidewalk repair budget and Fellows explained the process for doing so.

ii. Co-Chair Update:

- a. Thorpe provided a summary of his recent visit and tour of the potential Gills Creek Greenway sites and urged members to reach out to Richland County Council to explain the merits of the development of the greenway.

iii. Bike Month:

- a. Gilardi informed the committee that she will provide dates of the events.
- b. Scott Neulken updated the committee on the bike-to-the-park event and its logistics as far as game tickets, start and finish locations.
- c. John Fellows stated that the mayor would like to organize a 2-mile bike ride as one of the events and wants the committee's assistance with a route.

iv. Open Streets:

- a. Gilardi updated the committee on the status of the Open Streets event. She advised that the event procured its permit for a date of April 20th, and it will comprise 2.5 blocks on Main Street and portion of Lady Street.
- b. She further explained that Soda City will be partnering with BPAC to promote the event and Blue Bike will be participating.
- c. Gilardi will be sending the committee more information on the event and encouraged all members to promote the event in their social networks.

v. Calhoun Street Road Diet:

- a. Thorpe updated the committee on the status of the proposed road diet on Calhoun Street and its funding through the Penny Tax Program.
 - b. John Fellows stated that he had attended a County Council meeting where this project had effectively been tabled.
 - c. Fellows further advised the members that the Penny Tax Program’s Program Development Team (“PDT”) will be terminated when its contract with the County expires and the County will take the PDT responsibilities in house.
 - d. Thorpe encouraged members to reach out to County Council members regarding the merits of the planned road diet.
- vi. City Comprehensive Plan
 - Website: <https://www.columbiacompass.org/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ColaCompass/>
 - Twitter: <https://twitter.com/colacompass>
 - Survey: *****
 - a. John Fellows updated the committee on the status of the final plan. City is working on assembly of data and completion of plan for a July approval. He further explained how the plan will be presented and the approval process.
 - vii. City Planning Update
 - a. John Fellows provided update to the committee regarding City Planning matters including a handout listing various projects and their status.
 - b. Fellows asked for volunteers to assist in data collection of pedestrian/bike activity, and he explained the relevance of this data for planning purposes.
- c. Discussion
 - i. Pedestrian Safety
 - a. Gilardi advised the committee that she will start an email conversation with the committee regarding the same.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

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