



CITY OF COLUMBIA
BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
May 9, 2022
4:30 PM

Earlewood Park
Community Building
Columbia, SC 29201

PAMELA BYNOE-REED • ZACH CAVANAUGH • DEREK DAVIS • CHRISTINA GALARDI
ANNA GILBERT • DOUGLAS GIOVANETTI • CARMEN LATIMER • JENNIFER LEAPHART
CYNTHIA WATSON • MARY SCOTT-CHANCEY WILLIAMS

In attendance: Zach Cavanaugh, Derek Davis, Douglas Giovanetti, Anna Gilbert, Carmen Latimer, Jennifer Leaphart

Absent: Pamela Bynoe-Reed, Christina Galardi, Cynthia Watson, Mary Scott-Chancey Williams

Staff: Leigh DeForth, Shane Shaughnessy

Eshana Young-Pierre, Blue Bike SC, and graduating Walk Bike Ambassadors, Simms Hardin and Tracy Truick, were also in attendance.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

Mr. Cavanaugh began the meeting at 4:35p.m. while they were waiting for BPAC members to arrive to establish quorum.

- c. Committee reports
 - Open Streets

Mr. Cavanaugh recapping the Open Streets event while they were waiting for BPAC members to arrive to establish quorum. Ms. DeForth stated that due to the success of this year's Open Street, Earlewood was already planning to set up next year's events.

- a. Recognition of Spring 2022 class of Walk Bike Ambassadors

Ms. Leaphart presented a Certificate of Completion to Mr. Hardin and Ms. Truick. The Committee congratulated them and thanked them for completing the Walk Bike Ambassador program.

- d. May is Bike Month

Ms. DeForth providing an update about Bike to Work Day, which occurs on May 20th. Ms. DeForth stated that some City Council members may be in attendance. She stated that there were three planned starting spots- one on North Main Street, one near Cycle Center on Harden Street, and one near Outspokin'

Bicycles on Devine Street, but that there was still time for other start locations to organize. The participants of this event would converge at the State House at 8:30 am to finally ride down Main Street to City Hall. Mr. Cavanaugh asked if there would be a police escort from the State House to which Ms. DeForth stated there would not be. Ms. Young-Pierre stated that Blue Bike would make sure the Blue Bike station across from the State House would be fully stocked with bikes for the event.

Ms. DeForth stated there was an additional event that had been added to the Bike Month calendar following an email received by Ms. Watson from Councilwoman Herbert. On Saturday, May 21st, CPD is hosting an event sponsored by Academy Sports for students who go to school in the 29203 zip code area. This event will take place at Greenview Park and will consist of a bicycle giveaway, safety demonstration, and short bicycle ride.

I. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Cavanaugh

Mr. Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 4:49p.m. following the entrance of enough BPAC members to establish quorum.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

- b. Meeting Minutes
 - i. Approval of April minutes

Mr. Cavanaugh moved to approve the minutes as submitted, and Ms. Latimer seconded the motion. The motion to approve was passed by unanimous vote.

- c. Committee reports
 - Bike/ped tours/partnerships

Ms. Gilbert stated there was a bike tour scheduled for June, with the exact location and date to be determined.

- e. City Planning update – Staff

Ms. DeForth gave an update about a recent press conference given about the Assembly Street Rail Consolidation project. She stated that the FONSI documentation is pending for the NEPA process for this project. Once this Environmental Review has been finalized, there is a finite time for the applying agency to raise funds to complete the project. The recent press conference seemed to have been to update the public and raise awareness of this need and pending requests for funding.

Ms. DeForth also provided an update regarding BPAC's online engagement stating that Bike Month posts had been scheduled on the BPAC Facebook page and that the City's PR Department was sharing Bike Month posts as well. Ms. DeForth also asked the Committee to let her know if they hear of any other bicycle events that are occurring during May so she can update the Bike Month calendar.

Ms. Gilbert said that after Open Streets, she was approached by residents of that area who were interested in having bike lanes or a road diet on River Drive, stating that the wide lanes cause frequent speeding on the corridor. Ms. DeForth stated that modifications to River might also support the expansion of the Vista Greenway, but she was unsure of the specific accommodations recommended by *Walk Bike Columbia*.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Gilbert asked how the Meat Less Bike More events were going. Ms. Young-Pierre stated that the events had been well attended and the last one would be May 10th. She also stated that the Reintroduction to Biking series had sold out through Blue Bike.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Truick stated that as a graduating Walk Bike Ambassador, she is looking forward to helping to increase ridership in her community. She was glad the Greenview Park event would include a segment where CPD would teach children basic bicycle safety rules and how to ride a bike correctly.

Ms. Young-Pierre asked if there was any additional information about Sol Fest Roll Fest. Ms. DeForth stated that a date had been finalized but she did not have any additional information. Ms. Young-Pierre said that the organizers of the event are giving sponsors time to get on stage between musical sets to present and suggested that BPAC should talk about biking in Columbia or cycling facts. Ms. DeForth asked BPAC to check their availability on the event date – July 2nd – prior to the next BPAC meeting.

V. ADJOURN

There being no further business or comment, Mr. Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Latimer. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote, and the meeting adjourned at 5:03p.m.