



CITY OF COLUMBIA
BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
August 8, 2022
4:30 PM

Richland Library Main Branch
Columbia, SC 29201

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

In attendance: Pamela Bynoe-Reed, Zach Cavanaugh, Douglas Giovanetti, Carmen Latimer, Jennifer Leaphart, Mary Scott-Chancey Williams

Absent: Derek Davis, Christina Galardi, Cynthia Watson

Staff: Leigh DeForth, Dana Higgins, Shane Shaughnessy

II. REGULAR AGENDA

Mr. Cavanaugh began the meeting at 4:37pm by beginning with Committee Reports.

- b. Committee Reports
- Open Streets

Ms. Williams stated that the Open Streets Committee had spoken to representatives of the Greenview neighborhood who were interested in doing an Open Streets event near Greenview Elementary School. The neighborhood looked at the Open Streets handbook the Committee had created and was interested in doing an event in the Fall or early November. Ms. Williams also said the Earlewood neighborhood agreed to a Spring Open Streets event with an abbreviated route on River Drive and Earlewood Park.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Cavanaugh

Mr. Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 4:40pm with six members present to establish quorum.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. Meeting Minutes
- Approval of May minutes

Mr. Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the May minutes. Ms. Williams seconded the motion.

- b. Committee Reports
- Ambassador Program

Ms. Leaphart stated there were no new updates to the Ambassador program.

b. Committee Reports

- Bike/ped tours/partnerships

Mr. Giovanetti said he was working with Eshana Young-Pierre to plan rides with Blue Bike. Ms. Bynoe-Reed suggested that there could be rides that occur in conjunction with the COMET's revamping of the Soda Cap Connector. She stated that the route of the Connector would be more intuitive, and a marketing push regarding the new schedule, which starts on October 1st, was forthcoming. Ms. Williams suggested a Historic tour ride with help from Historic Columbia. Ms. Bynoe-Reed said she would be meeting with Historic Columbia soon and would find out if they were interested in helping with a ride.

b. Committee Reports

- Marketing

Ms. Williams noted that there were no BPAC efforts to market at this time, and asked if there was any new news regarding the City's social media policy; Ms. DeForth indicated there had not been any changes. Ms. DeForth asked if she could advertise the upcoming Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts on the BPAC social media pages, which the members of the Committee agreed to.

c. City Planning Update

Mr. Shaughnessy indicated that the Fall Pedestrian and Bicyclist Counts were scheduled for September and asked that the members sign up to volunteer to count, particularly at locations that were not counted in the Spring counts.

Ms. DeForth provided an update about the Monticello Road project, for which SCDOT had recently hosted a public meeting with mostly positive response. SCDOT anticipates a second public meeting in the near future. The project is likely to begin next Spring, with initial patching work this Fall.

Ms. DeForth stated that the data collection for the heat island mapping project had been completed and that a report was likely going to be released in October. She also suggested the members check out heat.gov which the Federal Government recently released with information about heat impacts and forecast data.

Ms. DeForth also noted that applications for PARK(ing) Day were due August 19. She encouraged members to attend the event if they were not going to apply for a space.

Ms. DeForth also stated that a visual regarding access to the Mill Race section of the river adjacent to the Saluda Riverwalk were included in the latest Walk Bike Columbia email; the project will be funded by a SCPRT grant received by the Parks & Recreation Department.

Ms. Higgins stated that \$1.5 million had been allocated from the recently passed state budget to extend the Vista Greenway. This money would allow the construction of the greenway to North Main and possibly beyond. She also noted that the City anticipated hearing on the grant application regarding the extension of Williams Street later in the month.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Williams asked for clarification about the BPAC's goals and what expectations City Council had for the Committee. Mr. Cavanaugh said he had similar questions and had been reaching out to the Mayor's office with little success. Ms. Higgins suggested that she may be able to ask the Mayor to attend a future BPAC meeting. Members said they thought that would be a good idea and asked Ms. Higgins to help facilitate that, though not for the September meeting as several members indicated they would be unable to attend.

V. ADJOURN

Mr. Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ms. Williams. The meeting ended at 5:11pm.