



CITY OF COLUMBIA
BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
February 13, 2023
4:30 PM

Richland Library Main Branch
Columbia, SC 29201

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

In attendance: Pamela Bynoe-Reed, Douglas Giovanetti, Mary Scott-Chancey Williams

Absent: Zach Cavanaugh, Derek Davis, Carmen Latimer, Jennifer Leaphart Cynthia Watson

Staff: Leigh DeForth, Shane Shaughnessy

Blake Gibbons, The COMET; Daniel Heidtke, USC Public Health Graduate Student; and Nailah Darby, ECCO were also in attendance.

In the absence of a quorum, discussion began at 4:43p.m.

Ms. Scott-Chancey Williams began by asking if there was an update on new BPAC appointments from Council and suggested BPAC could get more members and regular attendance if the meetings were virtual. Ms. DeForth stated that Council had not yet moved forward with making appointments to boards, commissions, and committees. Due to the expiration of the COVID emergency order, boards and commissions weren't allowed to meet virtually.

Ms. Darby said she came to the meeting on behalf of the Earlewood Neighborhood to give information about their upcoming Open Streets event. This event will occur on Sunday, March 5th and will take place on River Drive from 2pm to 5pm. She said that the route was been shortened from last year and that she will send a map and information to Ms. DeForth to circulate. Ms. Darby said they needed volunteers, and that volunteers would receive volunteer swag. Ms. DeForth suggested they contact Blue Bike to try to set up a virtual station. Mr. Gibbons said he would look into bringing a COMET bus to the event to allow people to board the bus and practice putting a bike on the bus.

Ms. DeForth continued the discussion by bringing up the draft presentation BPAC planned to provide to the Council subcommittee. She stated that the presentation would need to be finalized by March 1st in order to be on the agenda and that she would need to know who would be speaking and attending the meeting. She suggested Mr. Giovanetti, Ms. Bynoe-Reed, and Ms. Scott-Chancey Williams work together to finalize the presentation, and noted that they would need to determine who planned to present to the Council subcommittee. She reminded the members present that they could not gather a quorum to discuss business outside of advertised public meetings.

Ms. DeForth began the City Planning Update saying that the Calhoun Street road improvements are moving forward and bidding would begin in the near future. She noted that SCDOT held a public meeting on January 31 for the Blossom Street Bridge project, and an online meeting option had also been available through February 9th. Next, she said that SCDOT had presented to Council on their Harden, Blossom, and Devine Street project. She gave an update about the upcoming bike/ped counts and asked BPAC to volunteer and share information about these counts. She noted that staff had recently been notified that public meetings regarding the River Drive bridge project would likely be held by SCDOT in late Spring. Lastly, she said that CMCOG is in the process of creating two new studies: the Riverbanks Land Use and Transportation Study and the Columbia East Traffic Improvement Plan.

Discussion came to a close at 5:27pm.