

# CITY OF COLUMBIA BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

June 12, 2023 4:30 PM

Richland Library Main
1431 Assembly Street, Room 2246 (Meeting Room M)
Columbia, SC

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

In attendance: Pamela Bynoe-Reed, Derek Davis, Douglas Giovanetti, Jennifer Leaphart

Absent: Zach Cavanaugh, Carmen Latimer, Mary Scott-Chancey Williams

Staff: Dana Higgins, Leigh DeForth

#### I. CALL TO ORDER - Chair Giovanetti

There being a quorum present, Chair Giovanetti called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

#### II. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Approval of May meeting minutes (Motion, second, and vote to approve)

Ms. Leaphart made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Davis. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

b. Review of draft Council Presentation re: Mayor's Request for BPAC Priorities (Giovanetti, Reed, and Williams)

Members present briefly discussed the draft status of the presentation, and asked Ms. DeForth to resend the latest draft to the Committee as a whole in hopes of restarting that discussion, with a deadline a week prior to the meeting. Members also indicated a calendar appointment from Ms. DeForth would be helpful.

c. City Planning Update (staff)

Ms. DeForth highlighted a few items in the Planning Update, noting that the bid for Calhoun had come in over budget, but that the City would be seeking additional funding. Mr. Giovanetti suggested that a signal loop be incorporated into the bike lane on Calhoun during the resurfacing, and Ms. DeForth indicated she would pass that along to the City's Public Works Department. Ms. Higgins noted that the

City did not receive funding under the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program for the Huger connector, but that they had not yet heard back on the CRISI grant application, and that there was a plan to apply for MEGA funds in this next funding cycle once the NOFA was released. Ms. DeForth highlighted the final tally of pedestrian and bicyclist count participation, noting that counts would occur again in the Fall.

Mr. Giovanetti asked about Williams Street between Blossom and Gervais, and Ms. Higgins noted that the state had allocated \$9M for the Williams Street extension and the City expected to receive about \$4M from the Penny for the extension in funds leftover from the Greene Street bridge project. She indicated that Mr. Thompson (the property owner) had engaged an engineer to begin alignment.

#### III. OTHER BUSINESS

## IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

## V. ADJOURN

There being no other business nor members of the public present, Mr. Giovanetti made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.