



BIKE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 14, 2024
Quarterly Meeting, 4:30 P.M.
Richland Library Main, 1431 Assembly Street, Meeting Room M, Columbia, S.C.

PAMELA BYNOE-REED • ZACH CAVANAUGH • DEREK DAVIS •
DOUGLAS GIOVANETTI • CARMEN LATIMER • JENNIFER LEAPHART

In attendance: Pamela Bynoe-Reed, Zach Cavanaugh, Derek Davis, Douglas Giovanetti, and Carmen Latimer

Absent: Jennifer Leaphart

Staff: Leigh DeForth and Tristan Kercher

Public: Phillip

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Davis

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM, there being a quorum of members present.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approve [April Meeting Minutes](#) (*motion, second, and vote to approve*)

Mr. Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes as submitted; Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

2. City Planning Update (staff)

Ms. Bynoe-Reed entered the meeting.

Ms. DeForth reviewed the Planning Update, highlighting the removal of the Huger Connector, Fall Bike Ped Count participation, the draft Reaching Riverbanks Community Mobility Plan recommendations, and the survey currently open for public participation for the Columbia East Traffic Improvement Plan. BPAC members present had follow up questions on the Blue Bike Operations RFP (currently in contract negotiations with a potential system operator) and the schedule for the Five Points improvements (ongoing, anticipated signal changes will likely improve issues once construction is complete).

Ms. DeForth also encouraged those present to participate in Planning Month events.

3. SS4A Safety Action Plan

Ms. DeForth noted that the SS4A grant agreement had been signed, and the city would be moving forward with the procurement process for a consultant team. She provided a brief overview of grant, and asked BPAC members to help brainstorm a list of potential stakeholders/focus groups across sectors. Suggestions included the following:

- Fitness groups/stores (strictly running, Columbia Running Club, Cola Town Bike Collective, bike shops, - I also have a good list of folks from Bike Month events).
- Health/emergency response: EMS (Michael Burke, via Zach), Prisma, Coroner's Office (via Zach), CPD, RCSD, SCHP, DPS, Columbia-Richland Fire
- Transportation: COMET (via Pam, but not Pam), Midlands Transit Riders Association (via Pam), SCDOT District 1 + Main Office (Doug and/or Safety)
- Neighborhoods/Business Districts (CCN, neighborhood presidents, business districts)
- Schools (public schools + facilities planning/transportation/principals), colleges,
- The SC Bar Association (potential working groups related to crashes/roadway safety?)
- Local places of worship to help get the word out.

Ms. DeForth asked BPAC members to provide any additional ideas that may surface via email, and noted that staff would work to connect with these agencies/organizations/individuals once a more concrete timeline was in place so that individuals to be contacted could have more clarity regarding the ask.

4. Meeting schedule + nominations/elections for 2025

Ms. DeForth asked to confirm the desired cadence and frequency of BPAC meetings. All members present preferred to continue with quarterly meetings, noting frequency could be increased as needed. Ms. DeForth indicated she would reach out to the library to reserve those dates accordingly.

Ms. DeForth noted she would send a separate nomination form to BPAC members to obtain nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2025, to be voted on at the January meeting.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Phillip introduced himself to the committee members and thanked them for their time. He requested that BPAC abolish right turns on red along Main Street and in the Vista, and hopefully extend that change to downtown as a whole. He provided history on how right turns on red were developed as a practice, and listed his concerns with their negative impacts on safety. Mr. Giovanetti indicated he concurred, and would forward the request to Lori Campbell at SCDOT District 1 for review.

V. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mr. Cavanaugh and seconded by Mr. Davis; the meeting was adjourned at 5:16PM by unanimous vote (5-0).