BIKE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 13, 2025
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

In attendance: Derek Davis, Douglas Giovanetti, Carmen Latimer
Absent: Pamela Bynoe-Reed, Zach Cavanaugh
Staff: Nicole Broner and Leigh DeForth

I. CALL TO ORDER – Co-Chairs Davis & Giovanetti

Mr. Giovanetti called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM, there being a quorum of members present.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approve January Meeting Minutes (*motion, second, and vote to approve*)

Mr. Giovanetti made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, and the motion to approve was approved by unanimous vote (3-0).

2. City Planning Update (staff)

Ms. DeForth reviewed the Planning Update for members present, touching on:

- Participation rates for the Fall Pedestrian and Bicyclist Counts
- SCDOT's Road Safety Assessment on Millwood Avenue
- SCDOT's resurfacing of Barnwell Street
- Williams Street updates
- Richland Penny's Crane Creek Greenway timeline
- *Sharing the Road* planning process and survey
- Blue Bike operations

3. Discuss an update to bylaws

Ms. DeForth indicated that as it appeared that BPAC may not be shifted into a project-specific committee after all, staff thought it might be helpful for BPAC members to reexamine their bylaws to help define future direction and provide helpful context to those wishing to apply for future appointments.

Ms. Latimer, Mr. Giovanetti, and Mr. Davis discussed their desire for direction from Council and a more specific mission for the group. Points discussed included:

- That all members present had joined because they wanted to make Columbia's roadways safer for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- Examination of the language in the bylaws under section 1B, with a note that they would plan to each review the language in the coming weeks and provide further feedback to Ms. DeForth and Ms. Broner to help frame both the potential advertisement of open positions on BPAC and future edits to the bylaws. Members present noted that items 6 and 7 should be struck, and that they would prefer more fine-tuned language versus more inclusive and sweeping language in this section.
- Discussion of infrastructure projects, the City's MyColaSC mobile application, and how to best promote wins
- Discussion of prior BPAC initiatives and efforts, as well as the history of BPAC's creation and focus.

Jeff Haig, member of the public, entered the meeting during the discussion of bylaw updates, and joined in the discussion accordingly.

4. 2026 Calendar

Ms. DeForth asked members present if they wished to continue to meet on the second Monday of each quarter at 4:30PM, which those present confirmed was the case. She indicated that 2026 meetings would shift to the new Planning & Development Services offices on the 3rd floor of 1401 Main Street, to allow for flexibility in scheduling as needed, and to free the library meeting space for other organizations and library patrons, as it was in high demand.

5. 2026 Elections

Discussion among members present ensued regarding nominations for 2026 positions. Mr. Davis agreed to be nominated to serve as Chair in 2026, and a subsequent motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Giovanetti, which passed by unanimous vote. In a similar fashion, Mr. Giovanetti agreed to be nominated to serve as Vice Chair in 2026, and a subsequent motion was made by Ms. Latimer and seconded by Mr. Davis, which passed by unanimous vote.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. ADJOURN

There being no other business or further public comment, Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Latimer. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57PM.