

Minutes

City of Columbia Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Monday, February 22, 2016, 4:30 PM

Submitted by Debbie Bloom

Present:

Members: Keith Gosselin, Bethany Bell, John Green, Gene Bell, Fritz Hamer, Will Haltiwanger, Michael Juras, Jane Downey, Julie Hartwell; City staff: Leigh DeForth, John Fellows, Dana Higgins

Minutes from the January 25, 2016 meeting were approved.

Keith Gosselin brought the meeting to order. He reiterated BPAC information is available online and asked new members to review the [working site](#) and the BPAC By-laws. Asked members to confirm they are connected to the BPAC Google Groups site.

[What's Next Midlands](#): A collection point for ideas to move Columbia forward. There is a corresponding [Facebook](#) page where ideas can be submitted and "liked".

In-Flight projects: see the [BPAC working site](#) for more information about these projects:

- o Capital Improvement Plan Priority Document
- o Public Life/Public Space
- o Bike Boulevards
- o Greene Street
- o Vista Greenway Phase 2,3
- o Knight Foundation Grant
- o Plan Together
- o Handlebar Happy Hour
- o USC Funding Walk/Bike
- o Community Outreach

Penny tax projects:

After some discussion the committee agreed to focus efforts on the Gills Creek Greenway project and while waiting for more information about the Bluff Road widening project.

Keith has been meeting with representatives of the Gills Creek Watershed Association and the Palmetto Conservation Foundation about coordinating the BPAC letter of support for the greenway project. A draft of the BPAC response was included in a previous email. There was further discussion from committee members about the BPAC response to council. Several suggestions were offered. Keith asked that any additional information or feedback be directed to him before Friday Feb 26.

A motion was offered to have Keith continue working on the BPAC letter of support. It was seconded and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45. The next meeting will be March 28.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Bloom

