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BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
December 12, 2016
4:30 PM
Richland Library – Main Branch, Room 214, 1431 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201

**BETHANY BELL • BRIAN FAULKNER • CHRISTINA GALARDI • DEBRA BLOOM • ERNEST GRIGG •
FRITZ HAMER • GENE BELL • JANE DOWNEY • JOHN GREEN • JULIE HARTWELL • KEITH GOSSELIN •
MICHAEL JURAS • SCOTT THORPE**

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) November regular meeting was held at Richland Library-Main, 1431 Assembly St., room 214. Committee chairperson Keith Gosselin called the meeting to order at 4:35. The following members were present: Keith Gosselin, Christina Galardi, Debbie Bloom, Ernie Grigg, Jane Downey, Michael Juras, Fritz Hamer, Gene Bell and Scott Thorpe. City staff present included City Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Divine Devine, Planning Administrator, John Fellows, Comprehensive Planner, Leigh DeForth and City Engineer Dana Higgins. Several visitors were also present including Amy Johnson - Palmetto Cycling Coalition, Valerie Marcil-Gills Creek Watershed Association, and former BPAC member Will Haltiwanger. Updated BPAC bylaws were distributed to members.

First agenda item was approval of the November minutes. Ms. Bloom made a motion to approve the November 14, 2016 minutes as submitted; Mr. Thorpe seconded the motion. The November minutes were unanimously approved. Following the approval of the November minutes Ms. Galardi entered the meeting. Members are encouraged to read pending minutes before each regular meeting. They are linked in the agenda, which is sent out one week prior to the regular meeting.

Next Columbia City Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine shared her vision of infrastructure improvements needed to make Columbia streets safe for pedestrians and bicyclists. Her presentation was about a recent Copenhagen Study Tour she attended (attached). The Copenhagen Study Tour is designed and hosted by [8 80 Cities](#) and funded by the [Knight Foundation](#). She concluded by announcing her actionable goal to focus on providing protective bike lanes in Columbia. Dana Higgins and John Fellows entered the meeting during Ms. Devine's presentation. Mr. Grigg left the meeting at the conclusion of Ms. Devine's presentation.

A discussion followed the presentation between Councilwoman Devine and BPAC members about moving forward with safer streets including increased connectivity between DOT, Penny tax projects and the Columbia Walk Bike plan. Mr. Fellows shared information about [traffic counts](#) provided by the SC Department of Transportation including [mapped traffic counts](#) from 2009-2015.

The next agenda item was the election of the following BPAC officers.

BPAC Chairperson: Ms. Downey nominated Keith Gosselin. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Thorpe.

BPAC Vice-chairperson: Mr. Juras nominated Scott Thorpe. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Galardi.

Both nominations received unanimous approval.

A brief report was provided by Mr. Gosselin about the BPAC report to the Columbia City Council. Highlighted in the report:

1. Open Streets initiative
2. Upcoming bike summit
3. BPAC activities
4. BPAC concerns

The 2017 Strategic Plan process will begin in January. Ms. DeForth reviewed the 2016 Strategic Planning Initiatives. A print copy of the 2016 initiatives were also included along with the December 12 meeting agenda. Members are encouraged to submit ideas/comments for the 2017 initiatives to Leigh DeForth by December 21st.

In *Public Comment* Valerie Marcil, former BPAC member, congratulated and encouraged the BPAC committee.

At 5:50 Mr. Gosselin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Thorpe. The motion was accepted unanimously. The next meeting will be January 9, 2017 in Room 213, Richland Library-Main.

Submitted by,
Debbie Bloom