



**CITY OF COLUMBIA**  
**BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**  
**August 14, 2017**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Richland Library – Main Branch, Room 213, 1431 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201**

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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

**PRIOR TO ENTERING THE MEETING, PLEASE TURN ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES (CELL PHONES, PAGERS, ETC.) TO THE SILENT, VIBRATE, OR OFF POSITION.**

- I. Mr. Gosselin called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm. Members present: Bethany Bell, Brian Faulkner, Christina Galardi, Debra Bloom, Ernest Grigg, Gene Bell, Jane Downey, John Green, Julie Hartwell, Keith Gosselin and Michael Juras. City staff present: Leigh DeForth and John Fellows; Guest: Jean Denman.
  
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA** was unanimously approved via a motion from Mr. Green and the second from Ms. Bell.
  
- III. **REGULAR AGENDA**
  - a. [2017 Strategic Plan Updates](#)
    - i. [Group A reports](#)
      - a. **Downtown Business Connectivity:** Ms. Galardi introduced Jean Denman. Ms. Denman leads a group of downtown residents and merchants concerned about pedestrian safety. The group has recommended changes in local and state laws to improve pedestrian safety in downtown Columbia. Additional recommendations have reached City staff and are being considered for implementation. BPAC supports the efforts of this group and will advocate with them for improvements. Mr. Fellows is following up on the City's response to the requests.  
Ms. Galardi also asked for feedback on an online form for citizen comments concerning bike/ped issues in their neighborhoods. Ms. Galardi advocated for making the Walk Bike Plan a living document by inviting citizen comments. There was discussion about the necessity for comments as the process for developing the Walk/Bike Plan included citizen input. There was also discussion about making the comment process accessible for all citizens regardless of their access to technology.
  
      - b. **BPAC Quarterly Reports to Council:** Mr. Gosselin announced that in preparation for the next BPAC quarterly report several City departments and local urban neighborhood business associations will be attending the

monthly BPAC meetings from September through December. The goal is to focus the BPAC quarterly reports on City department appropriations that support walk/bike improvements. The quarterly report will be a summary of the results of the upcoming meetings.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- a. Mr. Faulkner submitted the Parking Day application. Parking Day is September 15. The theme is an introduction to greenways.
- b. Life is a Cycle, the commuter cycling event, is looking for a host. City staff will be unable to facilitate the ride in 2018.
- c. Ms. Galardi discusses the elimination of the Smartride transit program. SmartRide provides a convenient and a very cost effective option for commuters who desire transportation to downtown Columbia during the workweek. The program is currently facing a reduction in services and possible elimination.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- VI. ADJOURN:** At 5:47 Mr. Green made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Grigg seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

**Upcoming Meetings & Events**

- August 9, 2017: Handlebar Happy Hour, Publick House, 2307 Devine Street, 6pm
- August 11, 2017: Park(ing) Day [applications](#) due
- August 17, 2017: Presentation of [Capital City Mill District Area & Corridor Plan](#) DRAFT, 701 Whaley, 6-8pm
- September 7, 12, & 14, 2017: Annual Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts, 7:30 am – 9:30 am
- September 9 & 16, 2017: Annual Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- September 13, 2017: Handlebar Happy Hour, Publick House, 2307 Devine Street, 6pm
- September 15, 2017: [Park\(ing\) Day](#)
- September 17, 2017: [Open Streets Asheville](#)
- September 18, 2017: BPAC Meeting, 4:30 pm, Room 213 Richland Library Main

**Future Dates to Hold**

- October 2017: National Walking Month