



CITY OF COLUMBIA
BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
February 13, 2017
4:30 PM
Richland Library – Main Branch, Room 213, 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 BPAC Regular meeting was called to order at 4:35. The following members were present: Bethany Bell, Brian Faulkner, Christina Galardi, Debra Bloom, Ernest Grigg, Fritz Hamer, Gene Bell, Jane Downey, John Green, Keith Gosselin, Michael Juras and Scott Thorpe. City staff attending included Shane Shaughnessy and Dana Higgins.

Mr. Green gave a motion to approve the January 9, 2017 minutes with the addition of Shane Shaughnessy's name to City staff attending the meeting. The second came from Mr. Thorpe.

The modification of BPAC regular meeting schedule to avoid conflicts with the Planning Commission was approved with a motion from Mr. Grigg and a second from Mr. Green. The July 11, 2017 meeting is rescheduled for July 18, 2017 and the September 11, 2017 is rescheduled for September 18, 2017.

Updates about the SC Mayor's Bike & Walk Summit and Bike Month from Mary Roe will be held over until the March meeting.

2017 Strategic Plan Updates:

The following Group A reports were given. See *Strategic Plan Update: February 13, 2017* for complete reports.

Community Outreach (Michael Juras): In addition to the items in the Community Outreach report there was discussion about DOT obligations during resurfacing projects and how BPAC can better monitor those projects.

Quarterly Reports (Gene Bell): The next quarterly report will be presented at the March 21 or April 4 City Council Work Sessions. BPAC members may be requested to attend. See the written report for complete details.

Midlands Bicycle Calendar (John Green): The calendar is available on the BPAC page. See written report.

Open Streets Event (Jane Downey): [Open Streets](#) is a major BPAC event. All members will be required to attend and volunteer. See the *Strategic Plan Report* for important details and check the BPAC page for updated information.

The next Group A reports including Grants, Downtown Business Connectivity/ Activism, Monitoring ongoing projects and Kid-friendly Park/Traffic park will be presented at the March meeting.

John Green left the meeting at 4:52.

Jane Downey left the meeting at 5:16.

Other Business

Austin Gawler from the Columbia Chamber of Commerce Leadership Columbia program spoke about the Leadership Columbia 2017 class project, [Watermarked](#), that will revitalize the Lincoln Street tunnel. The project will memorialize Columbians spirit of strength during the 2015 historic flooding with landscaping, artwork, signage, lightening and seating. The project will be completed by April 30.

There were no responses to Mr. Gosselin invitation for public comment.

Ms. Bloom submitted a motion to adjourn at 5:36 seconded by Mr. Thorpe.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- February 22, 2017: [Gills Creek Greenway – Richland Penny Public Meeting \(Dreher High School, 5-7pm\)](#)
- March 2, 2017: Group B Strategic Plan Initiative updates due to Leigh [via email](#)
- March 8, 2017: Handlebar Happy Hour, Publick House, 2307 Devine Street, 6pm
- March 9, 2017: [Pineview Road Widening– Richland Penny Public Meeting, 2440 Atlas Road, 5-7pm](#)
- March 13, 2017: BPAC Meeting, 4:30 pm, Room 213 Richland Library Main
- April 2, 2017: [Open Streets Event](#)

Future Dates to Hold

- May 2017: Bike Month
- May 4-5, 2017: Mayor's Bike and Walk Summit
- May 13, 2017: [Life is a Cycle Ride](#)