



CITY OF COLUMBIA
BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
March 13, 2017
4:30 PM
Richland Library – Main Branch, Room 213, 1431 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201

- I. Meeting was called to order at 4:36. Members present: Brian Faulkner, Christina Galardi, Debra Bloom, Ernest Grigg, Fritz Hamer, Gene Bell, Jane Downey, Keith Gosselin, Michael Juras, Julie Hartwell (arrived at 4:47); City staff present: John Fellows and Leigh DeForth.
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA** - In the future BPAC regular meeting will package routine committee reports, Board meeting minutes, and other non-controversial items not requiring discussion or independent action as one *consent agenda* item. Members are encouraged to add items to the regular agenda that need further discussion or approval.
- a. The [February 13, 2017](#) minutes were approved.
 - b. [2017 Strategic Plan Updates](#) – The following Group B reports were approved without further discussion.
 - i. [Group B reports](#) were accessible prior to the regular BPAC meeting.
 1. COC Code Rewrite (Keith Gosselin)
 2. Police Department liaison (Bethany Bell)
 3. Bike Friendly Business Assistance (Debbie Bloom)
 4. Mountain Biking/Off Road Trail Access (John Green)
 5. Protected Bike Lane Demo (Christina Galardi)
 6. BPAC Branding/PR/Social Media (Ernie Grigg)
 7. Safe Routes to Schools (Julie Hartwell)
 8. Bike Wayfinding (Gene Bell)
 - ii. [Group A updates](#) (from February)
- III. **REGULAR AGENDA**
- a. *USC Travel Lightly Day* – Last year BPAC was invited to have an information table at Travel Lightly Day. This year the format will be different and there will not be information tables but BPAC members are invited to attend on April 4th and support the university's efforts at promoting alternative forms of transportation. Just a reminder that USC is reapplying for their Bike Friendly University status from the Bicycle League of America. Supporting their efforts improves the chances of ensuring their award reaches a higher level which, in turn, helps the Columbia community bike friendly recognition.
 - b. [2017 Strategic Plan Updates](#)
 - i. [Group B reports](#) - Grants (Scott Thorpe) - Mr. Thorpe will report on grants at the April 10 regular BPAC meeting.

- c. *Open Streets Event* - Ms. Downey gave a report for the first Open Streets event on April 2. All activity slots are full and there will be a volunteer orientation session on March 27th. All BPAC members are expected to volunteer. Please fill out the form below.
 - i. [Volunteer Form](#) -
- d. *Public Space Public Life Counts* – This survey helps Columbia planners better understand who uses public spaces – streets and sidewalks included – and what they do on them. New data from each survey improves understanding public space uses and will influence people-oriented planning and policy designs for Columbia’s public spaces. This year’s PSPLC will take place April 6-8. An online [sign-up form](#) is available for volunteers. BPAC members are all encouraged to volunteer for the survey.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS –

- a. Mr. Gosselin provided calendar updates including Penny projects meeting dates, and more information about the BPAC next quarterly report to city council on April 18 at 2:00. The Bike Month proclamation will be at 6:00. Please attend.
- b. Mr. Gosselin also asked BPAC members to contact their councilperson and encourage them to support sidewalks and protected bike lanes in the new budget.
- c. Ms. DeForth commented further on the Life is a Cycle Ride on May 13.

V. There was no public comment.

VI. The regular BPAC meeting adjourned at 5:26. The next meeting will be April 10.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- March 27, 2017: Open Streets Event Volunteer Meeting, 6-7pm, PCF Offices, 722 King Street
- March 27, 2017: Richland Penny [TPAC meeting](#), 5:00 pm; 2020 Hampton St., 4th Floor Conference Room
- April 2, 2017: [Open Streets Event](#)
- April 4, 2017: USC Travel Lightly Day
- April 6 & 8, 2017: Public Space Public Life Counts
- April 10, 2017: BPAC Meeting, 4:30 pm, Room 213 Richland Library Main
- April 12, 2017: Handlebar Happy Hour, Publick House, 2307 Devine Street, 6pm
- April 18, 2017: City Council’s Bike Month Proclamation; BPAC Quarterly Report to Council

Future Dates to Hold

- May 2017: [Bike Month](#)
- May 3, 2017: Bike to School Day
- May 20, 2017: Tour de Cure (Note: BPAC member assistance needed with the Bicycle Rodeo)
- May 4-5, 2017: [Mayor’s Bike and Walk Summit](#)
- May 13, 2017: [Life is a Cycle Ride](#)
- September 15, 2017: [Park\(ing\) Day](#)