

- I. Mr. Gosselin called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm. Members present: Bethany Bell, Brian Faulkner, Christina Galardi, Ernest Grigg, Jane Downey, John Green, Julie Hartwell, Fritz Hamer, Keith Gosselin and Scott Thorpe. City staff present: Leigh DeForth, John Fellows, and Dana Higgins.
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA** was not approved due to lack of quorum at beginning of meeting.
- III. **REGULAR AGENDA**
 - a. Group B Reports
 - i. **Safe Routes to Schools:** WG Sanders Middle School is holding a “Walk at School” day on Friday October 6th, 2017 at 2:45 – 3:30 PM. They need people to help with donating incentives/treats for the students and volunteers. To help, contact Julie Hartwell.
 - b. Moment of personal privilege to recognize Michael Juras
 - i. Will consider memorial or BPAC honorary service award in Michael’s name.
 - ii. Request to Mayor’s office to recognize his service at next City Council meeting.
 - c. City Department Updates
 - i. Engineering (Dana Higgins)
 1. **Esplanade Connector:** COG Funds with a city match are being used to build a bike/ADA compliant bridge from the Esplanade to the Riverwalk. City will get design back in next month and then will go out to bid. In the longer term, will be working on ways to connect the Riverwalk to Granby Park, but will need SCEG approval.
 2. **Laurel & Main, Blanding & Main Streetscaping:** installing mast arms, landscaping, and updated signaling. Will not install bump outs to ensure space for future cycle track. Mr. Gosselin asked about city discussions around removing left hand turns on Main St. Mr. Fellows said it was unlikely, but that signaling would be better coordinated.
 3. **Streetscaping with TIGER Funding:** had funding from the past year to do N. Main streetscaping and will be pursuing funding to do the same between Elmwood and Blanding.
 4. **Washington Street/Marion Street Bike Lanes, Greenview Subdivision sidewalks:** Using TAP grant funds to retro fit Washington street with a buffered bike lane and Marion street with a regular bike lane. The COG has approved this.
 5. Ms. Higgins noted that there are other funding opportunities coming up, but that they typically require a match from the city. These projects are funded through the “projects” budget and are often spread through different agencies. Mr. Gosselin asked if it would be helpful to have a line item for Bike/Ped improvements similar to what Greenville has. City staff advised that the current process—working through the city manager—may be the best avenue.
 6. **Greenville, Columbia, Charleston made request for urban design standards:** DOT is working on these new standards now.
 7. Ms. Downey asked whether small grants were available to fund projects like Open Streets. Ms. Higgins and Mr. Fellows said they would share

grants as they saw them. Mr. Gosselin noted there is a running list of annual grants that BPAC maintains.

8. **Bikeshare:** there were five applicants for the Bikeshare program, but no identified sponsor as of yet. Roughly \$2.5 million needed from sponsor.
9. **Wayfinding Signage:** there is an arts mockup for the Vista Greenway signage, but no construction document yet. Mr. Green asked whether there were other cities that had construction documents together already that we could use. Ms. Deforth expressed concerns about potential intellectual property issues. Mr. Gosselin asked about whether the Saluda Trail had signage planned. City staff said they had not gotten that far in the planning process. Ms. Deforth said signage funding is often available through grants, but the city hasn't gotten any yet. Mr. Gosselin raised concerns about whether there will be signage on the Gills Creek Greenway and how people will know about it.
10. **Stormwater Improvements:** Ms. Higgins mentioned a number of stormwater improvements that present opportunities to also look at Bike/Ped Issues:
 - a. Whaley and Main
 - b. Harlem Heights
 - c. MLK Park
 - d. Wallace Street (Franklin to Elmwood)
 - e. 6 checkpoints in Shandon
 - f. Penn Branch
 - g. Gregg and Gervais
 - h. Whaley at the Railroad Crossing

Watershed projects are also in the works. \$30 million is allocated to various water quality projects across the city.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

- September 19, 2017, Carolina Crossroads Corridor Project public meeting, Columbia Conference Center, 169 Laurelhurst Avenue, 12:00pm-7:00pm drop in
- September 26, 2017, Walkable 29203 Event, Eau Claire Print Building at 6:30 PM
- October 6, 2017: Walk at School Day at WG Sanders Middle School; assistance has been requested from 2:45-3:30pm
- October 11, 2017: Handlebar Happy Hour, Publick House, 2307 Devine Street, 6pm
- October 16, 2017: BPAC Meeting, 4:30 pm, Room 213 Richland Library Main
- October 2017: National Walking Month
- October 2017: National Community Planning Month