



CITY OF COLUMBIA
BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
August 9, 2021
4:30 PM

Earlewood Park Community Center
1111 Recreation Drive
Columbia, SC 29201

PAMELA BYNOE-REED • ZACH CAVANAUGH • DEREK DAVIS • CHRISTINA GALARDI
ANNA GILBERT • DOUGLAS GIOVANETTI • GEORGE KOKOLIS • CARMEN LATIMER • JENNIFER LEAPHART
BETSY NEWMAN • CYNTHIA WATSON • MARY SCOTT-CHANCEY WILLIAMS

In attendance: Zach Cavanaugh, Derek Davis, Anna Gilbert, George Kokolis, Carmen Latimer, Jennifer Leaphart, Betsy Newman

Absent: Pamela Bynoe-Reed, Christina Galardi, Douglas Giovanetti, Cynthia Watson, Mary Scott-Chancey Williams

Staff: Leigh DeForth, Shane Shaughnessy, Lucinda Statler

George Kokolis served as acting chair for the meeting, as Chair Watson was unable to attend, and a Vice-Chair had not yet been elected.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kokolis called the meeting to order 4:34pm, and Ms. Statler called roll, establishing a quorum.

II. REGULAR AGENDA

a. Meeting Minutes

- Approval of June 14, 2021 DRAFT minutes (action required)

Ms. Gilbert made a motion to approve the June 14, 2021 minutes as submitted. Ms. Leaphart seconded the motion, and the motion to approve was carried by unanimous vote (7-0). No action was required on the July 12, 2021 meeting notes given the circumstances of the virtual meeting.

- Meeting notes from July 12, 2021 (informational only, no action required)

b. Election of Vice-Chair

Ms. Statler noted that there were two candidates for Vice-Chair, Mr. Cavanaugh and Ms. Latimer. The candidates spoke briefly about their thoughts on BPAC and the Vice-Chair position. A paper ballot was

distributed, collected, and tallied by Ms. Statler, who announced that Ms. Latimer had been elected Vice-Chair by a majority of those present.

- c. Follow up on Mayor Benjamin's list
 - Mayor's bike ride 2021 updates

Ms. Statler indicated that Chair Watson communicated that she had reached out to mayor's staff, hadn't heard back yet on a date for the ride.

- d. Open Streets discussion/ follow up

Ms. Latimer noted the subcommittee had met with members of the community and were starting to map out a route. Ms. Newman indicated that she had spoken with the Hyatt Park/Keenan Terrace neighborhood, and that while they were supportive of Open Streets being held in the greater North Main community, they felt the route might be too disconnected at this time to extend to Hyatt Park/Keenan Terrace. Ms. Latimer noted there was some conversation of a potential location, and members of the subcommittee planned to come up with two to three potential routes, and that North Main was still under discussion.

- e. Committee reports
 - Ambassador program

Ms. Statler indicated that Ms. Galardi had communicated that progress had not been made regarding marketing of the Walk Bike Ambassador Program, and unless applications could move forward and be advertised in the coming week, she was concerned about the timing of moving the program forward. Ms. Leaphart indicated that she had communicated Ms. Galardi regarding participation in the subcommittee.

- Bike/ped tours/partnerships

Ms. Newman indicated that the subcommittee had gathered draft text for the first five partnership tours and had developed a press release, but she had questions regarding how to advertise the information. She noted that she had received graphics from Ms. Williams, and had spoken with Mr. Bobby Donaldson of ColumbiaSC63 regarding their recent partnership with Blue Bike SC to highlight their civil rights history tour of Main Street. BPAC members further discussed concerns regarding the marketing and outreach of BPAC initiatives. Ms. Latimer indicated she had reached out to Ms. Williams regarding some of the images and aesthetics of the tour graphics she had shared at the July meeting. BPAC members and staff discussed social media, and staff indicated that posts to the BPAC social media page could be shared to the @colacompass Facebook account, and that collateral developed by BPAC could be shared to @colacompass Instagram as well as forwarded to the City's PR staff for inclusion on the City's main social media accounts. Ms. Newman and Ms. Latimer noted they would plan to follow up with Ms. Williams in hopes of moving forward with the plan to market a partnership walk/ride tour monthly.

- Marketing

None of the marketing subcommittee members were present to be able to provide an update.

- f. City Planning Update

Ms. Statler highlighted a few of the items provided in the City Planning Update, noting that staff had attended the Harden, Blossom, and Devine Street Safety Improvements meeting hosted by SCDOT, and

that the City would be working to provide collective comments. She encouraged BPAC members to provide comments by August 20th, and noted that links to the meeting website were available in the past agenda and on the @colacompass social media pages. Ms. Statler also briefly reviewed SCDOT's recent repaving list, noting that City comments had been provided, and that SCDOT was moving forward to design a resurfacing of Monticello Road that would incorporate bike facilities from North Main to I-20 and perhaps past that intersection. Ms. DeForth provided a brief overview of the Canal Repair meeting, noting that comments regarding the repair project were due to FEMA shortly, and that the meeting recording was available on the City's YouTube channel.

Mr. Shaughnessy reviewed the Pedestrian and Bicycle Counts, sharing with BPAC data showing the number of locations that lacked consistent counts due to a lack of volunteers over the years. Staff and BPAC members discussed the importance of counts, and the history and operation of the City's Pedestrian & Bicycle Count program. Mr. Shaughnessy encouraged BPAC members to sign up for the upcoming counts in September, and to share them with others who might be willing to volunteer.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. ADJOURN

There being no other business or public comment, Mr. Cavanaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Latimer seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.