

BPC 1/8/2025 Meeting Notes

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 9:00 AM

Attendees: Candice Barber, Stevie Micheli, David Keely, Maddie Lee, Liz Duda

Absent but gave updates: Steve Yaffe, Gretchen Benner

Followups:

1. Get involved: Attend and invite interested people to the HEAL meeting on Tuesday, 1/14/2025 at noon to discuss Healthy Eating Active Living. (Contact [Stevie Micheli](#) for details.)
2. Get educated:
 - Amy Boulris blog on the BPC website.
 - Palmetto Cycling Coalition advocate videos including the one with Liz Duda.
3. Liz arrange meeting with TCES principal and TCPD on TCES Bike & Scooter Rodeo planning.
4. Reminder for City of Rock Hill Public Health Element focus group participants to respond to meeting survey from Amy Jo Denton
 - a. Add Rails to Trails if appropriate
5. Meeting planning:
 - a. Add BPC 2025 meetings to your calendar - first Wednesdays at 9am with recurring [Zoom link](#) plus two in person.
 - i. Feb. 5
 - ii. Mar. 5 (in person location TBD)
 - iii. Apr. 2
 - iv. May 7
 - v. Jun. 4
 - vi. Aug. 6
 - vii. Sep. 3 (in person location TBD)
 - viii. Oct. 1
 - ix. Nov. 5
 - x. Dec. 3
 - b. Liz to research emailing a calendar invitation
 - c. Consider AI note taker for these meetings (e.g., Zoom's FATHOM AI)

Meeting purpose: Monthly BPC of York County Zoom meeting to share updates and collaborate on active transportation projects and initiatives in York County, SC.

Discussion Summary: Roundtable discussion noted that WRHI reported on a pedestrian-involved accident this morning in Rock Hill; discussed planning for a potential bike and school rodeo at Tega Cay Elementary School; solicited feedback for RFATS Citizen Advisory Committee to give to RFATS executive director; invited all to Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) workgroup meeting on January 14 (noon); gave update on local Rails to Trails effort; and gave communications updates.

Discussion Highlights:

Updates from absent people:

1. Steve Yaffe is at [TRB conference](#) in Washington D.C. and has slides to share with the BPC.
2. Gretchen Benner and Chelsea Beauchamp are revising a previously drafted petition for FMHS safety of students/crossing guards and will keep BPC updated as this project progresses

In the communications front:

- Thanks to Ben Ullman for the **BPC website**.
- Check out Amy Boulris blog on the BPC website, ["The Last Mile" in New School's Sight but Not](#)

Budget.

- Check out [Palmetto Cycling Coalition](#) advocate videos including [An Advocate's Story: Liz Duda](#)

Potential Tega Cay Elementary School (TCES) Bike & Scooter Rodeo coordinated by Liz Duda with the school principal and TCPD - maybe in April leading to TCES's May celebration of National Walk and Roll to School Day and/or in summer.

- Bikes, crosswalks, and electric scooters are safety concerns. We want to help improve safety from multiple fronts - educate the kids, and inform the drivers. City of Tega Cay social media director is an asset.
- Peer perspective: Charlotte made rules about electric scooters, at least in part because rented scooters were discarded blocking sidewalks.

[WRHI](#) reported on a Rock Hill - Cel River **pedestrian-involved accident** this morning

RFATS

Citizen Advisory Committee meets this month. Meets in January, May & September. Agenda includes 160 interchange development progress and long-range plan. Can discuss the open RFATS position and livestreaming or videotaping/recording meetings for the public and interested professionals to be able to see.

- Related: Planners are on the **RFATS Technical Committee**.

Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) relaunch meeting Tuesday, 1/14/2025 at noon, in person (at Rock Hill Health Department or North Central Family Medicine). Reminder that this derived from the York County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Invite interested people.

- Related: At a national level, RFK leadership may enable a new group of interested parties. Food industry, like tobacco industry, is controlled at national level. Local-level advocacy can have an impact on such areas as what people can buy with SNAP vouchers. In York County, kids don't eat enough vegetables. Good opportunity to highlight issues locally.

Rails to Trails Update: Committee is again moving forward, working with a consultant that works with Norfolk Southern which has lines from Rock Hill to York then York to Blacksburg and maybe York to Chester. Need people with expertise and money to create a community plan.

- Also: Should be in jurisdictions' comprehensive plan. York and York County have it in comprehensive plan; Rock Hill currently is updating its comp plan and there is a public health element which could include this.