

# 8/7/2024 BPC Notes

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 9:00 AM

## Bike/Ped Coalition (BPC) of York County notes from Wed., Aug 7, 2024, 9am, Zoom meeting

Next BPC meeting – Wed., Sept. 4, 2024, Virtual

**Meeting Summary:** Discussed York County Parks & Rec Strategic Plan; American Fitness Index [rankings](#) for 2024; [RFATS](#) Long-Range Transportation Plan; Carolina Thread Trail State Line to Fort Mill Feasibility Study; local safe routes to York County schools initiatives and needs; and local efforts to get public health on business leaders' minds.

### Upcoming events:

#### Participants:

**Liz Duda**, TC Healthy Kids

**Candice Barber**, DSS (health and safety of individuals)

**Gretchen Benner**, FM Resident

**Courtney Guenther**, RH resident

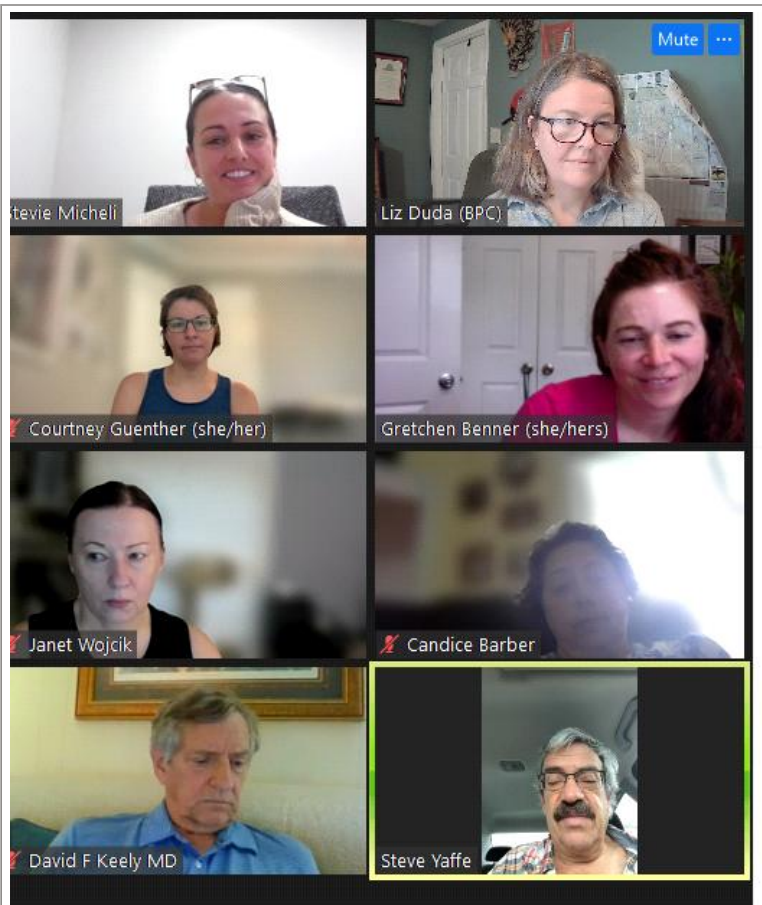
**David Keely**, Tobacco-Free York County, Wholespire York County, RFATS Citizen Advisory Committee

**Stevie Micheli**, Dept. of Public Health

**Janet Wojcik**, Winthrop

**Steve Yaffe**, transit consultant

**Absent but will review notes:** Lauren Hebert, Town of FM



### Followups:

1. Janet - write brief summary of American Fitness Index Rankings for BPC blog
2. Liz - share YCPR Strategic Plan survey
3. Gretchen - continue to advocate for FMHS
4. Dave - ask Stevie & Shekinah to add Candice Barber to HEAL & IYC workgroup invitations

### Discussion Highlights

**York County Parks & Rec Strategic Plan** - York County is soliciting public input into its York County Parks & Rec Strategic Plan. Duda attended "partners" meeting on July 25 for BPC (and they have been part of our Rails to Trails meetings). Keely suggested distributing paper surveys in lower-income communities. Discussed great demand for pickleball and that facilities are expanding - Boyd Hill Park has a pickleball

club in RH and uses rec center; TC and FM have public courts. Also there's a new disc golf store in RH.

**American Fitness Index [rankings](#) for 2024** - Wojcik shared how Charlotte metro region dropped a bit from 47 to 50. Still not great Built Environment score, and park access, and funding. York County does better with parks and funding than Mecklenburg County. Each location does something well; each needs improvement. How can we promote this?

**[RFATS Long-Range Transportation Plan](#)** - RFATS metropolitan planning organization (MPO) is updating its 20-year plan. Benner was one of ten people attending the public outreach session in Fort Mill, where she sought for RFATS to continue supporting a safer FMHS walking/biking and Hooper referenced Safe Streets for All [federal grant](#). Benner and Duda have copies of the PowerPoint. See Duda's [BPC blog](#) on the process and stay tuned to have input into RFATS bike/ped plan. Hooper plans for RFATS to have a public workshop on Friday, October 4th, at noon.

**Carolina Thread Trail State Line to Fort Mill Feasibility Study** - Steering Committee first met on May 13 and will have second meeting in August. Duda is participating.

#### **Safe routes to schools**

- **Fort Mill High School** - Demonstrated lack of followup in York County. FMSD attorneys need to be fully engaged. Jason Wolfman is in charge of YC maintenance and road repair. SCDOT commissioner vacancies shows lack of state priority to transportation. Curtis Spencer, is our region's SCDOT commissioner.
- **Rawlinson Middle School & Northwestern High School** in RH - Barber sees that everyone drives because it's unsafe to walk.
- Guenther has learned in her research that cameras are helpful to reduce speed.

**Tobacco-Free York County Coalition** - joined York County Chamber to get public health on business' minds. Keely will seek to join the Government Affairs Committee.

#### **Upcoming events:**

- Tuesday, 8/13, HEAL workgroup meeting
- Friday, 8/16, IYC general meeting, Duane Neff will report on community residents' input into County Health Needs assessment survey
- Wed., 9/4, 9am, BPC monthly Virtual
- RFATS Citizen Advisory meeting
- Fri., 9/27, noon RFATS Policy Committee meeting (see RFATS Policy Committee Meeting [2024 schedule](#))

**Wojcik class schedule:** T Th busy with classes

#### **About the Bike/Ped Coalition of York County:**

- **Website:** <https://bpcyc.org/>
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- **LinkedIn group:** <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/9020582/GooILFIS>