BIKE-PED COALITION OF YORK COUNTY

Bike/Ped Coalition (BPC) of York County Meeting Notes (Wed., Sept. 7, 2022)

Next BPC meeting – Wed., Oct. 5, 2022, 9am, Zoom

Attendance: Tom Bell (City of Rock Hill PRT); Liz Duda, co-chair (Tega Cay resident); Candra Riley (SC DHEC); Alex Boyce (City of Rock Hill)

RSVPed negative but interested: Luther Dasher (Rock Hill resident, cycling advocate); Penelope Karagounis (Town of Fort Mill); Jess O'Connor (Tega Cay Planning commission); Miguel Rullan (City of Rock Hill); Janet Wojcik (Winthrop University); Ben Ullman (trail advocate); Steve Yaffe (Yaffe Mobility Consulting)

Followups:

1. Duda to check with York County (Chris Stephens or Diane Dil) to determine if we can pursue previous offer of help from the Rock Hill Bicycle Club (RHBC).
    a. *9/8 update – Duda spoke with Stephens at York County Comprehensive Plan meeting. He agreed to working with the RHBC starting in October.*
    b. *9/29 update - Duda emailed RHBC to ask about interest.*
2. Try to track down Danny Jones.
    a. *9/29 – Duda emailed his Rock Hill address again.*

Email Updates

1. Karagounis asks us to add new Fort Mill planner, Tim Kramer, to the BPC distribution list, as he will represent Fort Mill planning going forward. tkramer@fortmillsc.gov
2. Yaffe shares the America Walks coalition's Community Change Grant Applications for community grassroots projects open on 9/15 and are due on 9/30/2022.
3. Dasher continues his cycling advocacy. He appreciates in-person RFATS meetings where he can have face-to-face discussions. He will review notes.
4. Rullan is not involved in bike refurbishing and donations. But they do have some bike helmets available for children that they would love to get into the community.

Discussion Highlights

1. **York County bike route signage** – Duda to check with York County (Chris Stephens or Diane Dil) to determine if we can pursue previous offer of help from the Rock Hill Bicycle Club.
    - New RHBC president: Matt Griffin

2. **York County bike route mapping** – What work can and should we do to market the routes? Are we worried about map inconsistencies? Do we need to phase out materials? Where is Danny Jones who was spearheading this effort before? We need "buy in" from York County.

3. **Bike refurbishing and gifting** - Impact York County's HEAL workgroup asked who did this in our area?
    - Tom Bell discussed the RHPRT Cycle to Success outreach program. RHPD impounded bicycles were donated to the 15-20 kids at the Emmett Scott Center for a program that incorporated character development, bike safety, and group rides.
    - Renew Our Community (ROC) (which closed in 2019) previously gave bicycles to ex-convicts.
    - Christopher Catoe of Quality Bike Products expressed interest in supporting efforts in York County

- The Velodrome is a drop-off site for the Charlotte Re-Cyclery supporting Trips For Kids Charlotte

4. **Letter of support for federal grant for Rock Hill pedestrian/ cycling bridge** – the group approved of and Duda signed, on behalf of the BPC, the letter of support for the Rock Hill's application to the U.S. DOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program to help fund the overhead pedestrian/cycling bridge over Dave Lyle Boulevard and the railway
    - Tom to deliver to Amanda
    - *9/16 update - Chris Hermann acknowledged receipt*

5. **SC Forestry Commission** created the Planner's Guide for Forests and the Comprehensive Plan. It includes a tree canopy calculator, saying how many trees are needed to plan tot reach the goal. Then hand over to the city's tree commission to implement plan. Strategic plan goal of maintaining 45% in line with peer. Do we want to do better than peer?

6. **York County comprehensive plan update meetings** – advocacy opportunity – 9/8 in Fort Mill; 9/15 in Rock Hill

7. **RFATS** remains supportive of BPC and David Hooper offered to help get a SCDOT guest speaker
    - Liz to reach back out to David

8. **BPC leadership** – if anyone is interested in stepping into a leadership role, let Liz Duda or any BPC member know.

9. **Clover Middle School** was awarded a grant through Outride Riding for Focus. (The BPC supported the grant!) This grant purchased 35 Specialized mountain bikes and helmets. PE teachers also received training on the best practices of teaching biking and bike safety. See the video here: https://youtu.be/d1rxRtP-uCg

10. **Community event at the Rock Hill Velodrome**! Cycle swap; vintage bike show; a Fall Harvest Ride starting and ending at the Velodrome; beer, music and food! – Oct. 15 starting at noon

11. **Next BPC meeting** - Wed., Oct. 5, 2022, 9am, Zoom (Facebook event link)
    Join via Zoom:
    https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/96719018701?pwd=Y3ZnZHpESDlodGYyZDhheG5ZUUZBZz09
    Meeting ID: 967 1901 8701
    Passcode: 315154
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