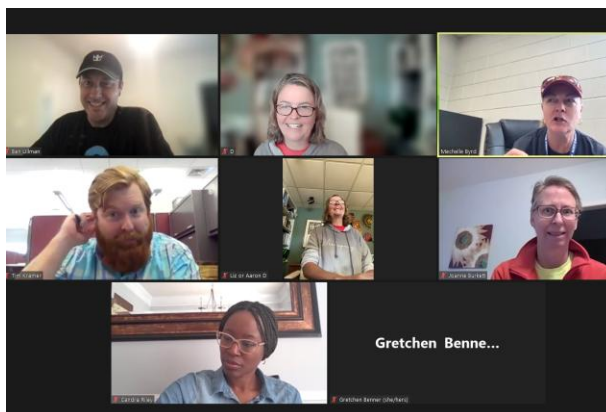


## Bike/Ped Coalition (BPC) of York County Meeting Notes (Wed., October 5, 2022)

Next BPC meeting – Wed., Nov. 2, 2022, 9am, Zoom

**Attendance:** Gretchen Benner (Fort Mill resident); Joanne Burkett (Greenwood, SC, resident); Mechelle Byrd (Clover Middle School PE teacher); Liz Duda, co-chair (Tega Cay Healthy Kids; Wholespire York County); Tim Kramer (Town of Fort Mill planner); Candra Riley (SC DHEC); Ben Ullman (trail advocate)



**Meeting Summary:** Discussed initiatives, events, educational opportunities, and advocacy opportunities. Learned new participants' their interests and backgrounds, and made new connections. Clover Middle School PE teacher shared happiness and gratitude for BPC support for an important bicycle-related grant it received (highlight #1). Future meetings will continue monthly on first Wednesday at 9am – links to get them on people's calendar is in highlight #12 and link to Zoom for virtual component is in highlight #13.

### Followups:

1. Duda to follow up on connecting York County (Chris Stephens) with [Rock Hill Bicycle Club](#) (RHBC) to support bike route signage. He agreed to working with the RHBC starting in October.
  - a. 9/29 update - Duda emailed RHBC to ask about interest.
2. All try to re-connect with Danny Jones.
  - a. 9/29 – Duda emailed his Rock Hill address again.
3. Duda to connect with David Hooper, RFATS, in general and on SCDOT guest speaker.
  - a. 10/10 DH emailed update: During the meeting, hopefully you heard me welcome our new designated representative from SCDOT (Jim Walden). As discussed previously, a number of agencies are working through staff adjustments / changes (including SCDOT), and I am hopeful that once Jim becomes fully acclimated in his new role he will be the logical person to be a guest speaker. If you would like to discuss anything at all in the interim, please don't hesitate to let me know – very happy to reserve time for a call. Lastly, as we look forward to hearing back on our SS4A grant, I'm keeping the BPC in mind.
4. Get Joanne Burkett's email address (oops)

### Discussion Highlights

#### 1. Mechelle Byrd

- Big thanks (“happiness and gratitude” 😊) to the BPC for supporting Clover Middle School's [Outride](#) Riding for Focus grant, a huge deal for the school (See [YouTube video](#).) BPC supplied

data, ideas, and contacts. This grant purchased 35 Specialized mountain bikes and helmets and trained teachers on best practices of teaching biking and bike safety.

- Adam in Clover, who moved here from CA, is starting his own bike business and will support Clover Middle School's bike program.

## 2. Gretchen Benner

- Given how active her family is, walking and biking in their Fort Mill/York County neighborhood, and that her kids will someday bike to FMHS, is interested in improving pedestrian/cyclist safety along Sam Smith Road to Sutton Road. Infrastructure has potholes and no safe threshold for walking/biking safely. Previously biked frequently in Pittsburg.
- Raye Felder connected her to Thomas Addison as a contact for a light to enhance safety at Dam Road.

## 3. Joanne Burkett

- Cyclist from Greenwood (tandem with husband); plans an upcoming data walk similar to what York County just did; was involved in Eat Smart Move More; was a Covid investigator for DHEC; attended and joined county transportation meetings; previously lived in upper SC; started a women's cyclist group a few years ago with 250 people in Facebook group and 25 people in a ride
- Carol Coleman is new Greenwood (city and county) planner, from Myrtle Beach.
- Greenwood hosted speakers including planner discussing Bike/Ped Plan.
- PCC – look at newsletter; New bike/ped person going into planning office

## 4. Tim Kramer

- Recently joined Town of Fort Mill as a planner, previously with Mecklenburg County Parks & Rec where he did work with greenways and, previously, natural surface trails.
- FM hired McAdams to create a trail master plan for the town. In preliminary stages, on data collection; first stage to conclude in early 2023. Public survey to be released in about one month, and the BPC can spread the word. Plan will support connectivity within town and to outside of town, for transportation, health and recreation. Questions include who would use it outside of the town.

5. **Candra Riley** – Live Healthy SC, an initiative in York County that included a community health survey. In data walk, presented on 8 categories, and group voted to focus on healthy eating active living (HEAL); behavioral health; and injury and. In last HEAL, will focus on: workforce and senior health, though it's still open.

6. **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

7. **Rock Hill received the letter of support from BPC for the federal grant** – Duda signed and submitted to Chris Herrmann, 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

8. **York County comprehensive plan update meetings** – Duda, Boulris, and other bike/ped supporters attended outreach meetings (9/8 in Fort Mill; 9/15 in Rock Hill) to show support.
9. **RFATS** remains supportive of BPC and David Hooper offered to help get a SCDOT guest speaker
  - Duda to reach back out to Hooper
10. **BPC leadership** – if anyone is interested in stepping into a leadership role, let Liz Duda, Ben Ullman, or any BPC member know.
11. **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
12. **Meeting planning:** Discussed goal of getting a speaker every 3 months and getting on people’s calendar now. Will continue with 9am on first Wednesday of the month into next year (Nov 2, 2022; Dec 7, 2022; Jan 4, 2023; Feb 1, 2023; Mar 1, 2023; Apr 5, 2023; May 3, 2023; Jun 7, 2023; Jul 5, 2023; Aug 2, 2023; Sep 6, 2023; Oct 4, 2023; Nov 1, 2023; Dec 6, 2023)
  - To get these monthly meetings on your calendar (first Wednesday of the month at 9am), please download and import this iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system:  
**[https://dartmouth.zoom.us/meeting/tJlqduCorzMtGtVCig1M8vr0\\_cX9kZ48Vai/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCuqTojGtWdtxmGRowAB4j4XfTzmFxabdrvxbiKnF-OhXkZt1BCut0Koyl](https://dartmouth.zoom.us/meeting/tJlqduCorzMtGtVCig1M8vr0_cX9kZ48Vai/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCuqTojGtWdtxmGRowAB4j4XfTzmFxabdrvxbiKnF-OhXkZt1BCut0Koyl)**
13. **Next BPC meeting** - Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022, 9am, Zoom (Facebook [event link](#))  
**Join via Zoom:**  
<https://dartmouth.zoom.us/j/96719018701?pwd=Y3ZnZHpESDlodGYyZDhheG5ZUUZBZz09>  
**Meeting ID:** 967 1901 8701  
**Passcode:** 315154  
**Or use one-tap mobile:** +16469313860,,96719018701#,,,,\*315154# US  
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