

# 4/12/2023 BPC Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 8:53 AM

**4/12/2023 BPC Meeting Summary:** After introductions, Kramer described progress on the Fort Mill Trail Master Plan; Burkett shared Palmetto Cycling Coalition info; Duda updated the group on planning for Rails to Trails; and Catoe solicited ideas to improve safe ped/cycling access to his neighborhood schools. Members shared ideas, contacts, and information throughout the meeting.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 3, 9am, Zoom

## Attendance

- Meeting participants: **Joanne Burkett**, Palmetto Cycling Coalition; **Chris Catoe**, RH cyclist, Quality Bicycle Products; **Liz Duda** (BPC Co-Chair), TC resident; **Dr. David Keely**, RFATS Citizen Advisory Committee, Wholespire YC, [Tobacco-Free YC](#); **Tim Kramer**, Town of FM planner; **Jorge Luna**, FM resident
- Absent but checked in: Tom Bell, Ben Ullman (BPC Co-Chair); Janet Wojcik, Steve Yaffe

## Followups:

- Duda to share rails-to-trails info with Catoe.
- Duda to share TC trail prioritization metrics and trail info with Kramer.
- All remember to sign up for PCC's [SC Bike-Walk-Trails Summit](#) (June 8-9).

## Introductions

- Chris Catoe - avid cyclist, Quality Bicycle Products, national accounts for REI, more involved in local cycling community, races BMX and son races Velodrome track, commute
- Dr Dave Keely - RFATS Citizens Advisory Committee to ensure roadways are inclusive of cyclists and pedestrians so brings info; also attends RFATS Policy Committee meetings; semi-retired family medicine physician; public health; Wholespire York County leadership team - healthy eating, active living, whole person health, Healthy Together 5-2-1-0
- Jorge Luna, FM resident, HDR Inc architecture firm, family active in YC, transit background (Connect Beyond manager, multimodal), interested in connectivity and walkability
- Liz Duda, community coalitions related to active living, healthy eating, and environment; active with family; organizes Walk/Bike/Roll to School Days at TCES

## Fort Mill Trail Master Plan (Kramer)

- McAdams (consultant) is scoring and ranking projects; then to third and final steering committee meeting; will present in June 2023
- Liz will forward TC project and prioritization info.
- Top-ranked places and spaces: Connectivity to schools, parks, and economic centers
- Then feasibility/funding/quickly
- TC funding ideas (?)

## Palmetto Cycling Coalition (Burkett)

- Amy Johnson-Ely presented in SC to update funding sources for bike/ped projects.

- In York County, funding funneled through RFATS, which dedicated \$10MM in 2022 (for three years though designated upfront); TAP funding (school/ped projects); CMAQ funding
- Finalizing speakers for [SC Bike-Walk-Trails Summit](#) (June 8-9)
  - Can we recommend any on-the-ground, on-street projects that were done successfully over the past five years?
- Opinion piece shared: [The surprising solution to gun violence](#) (CNN) - Best quote: "studies of naturally-occurring "policy experiments," show almost anything that gets more people out on the streets, from installing better street lighting to turning vacant lots into parks, reduces crime."

### **Rails to Trails**

- Duda is arranging a meeting for relevant parties to plan first step
  - Chris Catoe - interested - send info & invite to any meetings
- Bill in the state house would provide incentives for property owners to have a conservation easement to build trails. <https://pccsc.net/trails-action-page/>
- Low Country Lowline, Charleston, to be reactivated <https://lowcountrylowline.org/> (Jorge) - to connect the community (reminiscent of the Atlanta Beltline)
- A transportation facility (another option beyond the car)
- Swamp Rabbit Trail: 27% of people are tourists; 10% are residents commuting to work/school

### **How to get safer cycling/pedestrian access to Rosewood Elementary by Cherry Park? (Catoe)**

- Get Cherry Park SIC to talk to [Sullivan Middle School SIC](#)
- Got a slower speed limit zone around India Hook and the city helped enforce it
- Talk to the principal?
- Catoe can work with Dr. Dave Keely
- Neighborhood empowerment
- Another benefit is that keeping kids active reduces tobacco use, as shared by Tobacco-Free York County
- Resource: <https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/>