

5/3/2023 BPC Meeting

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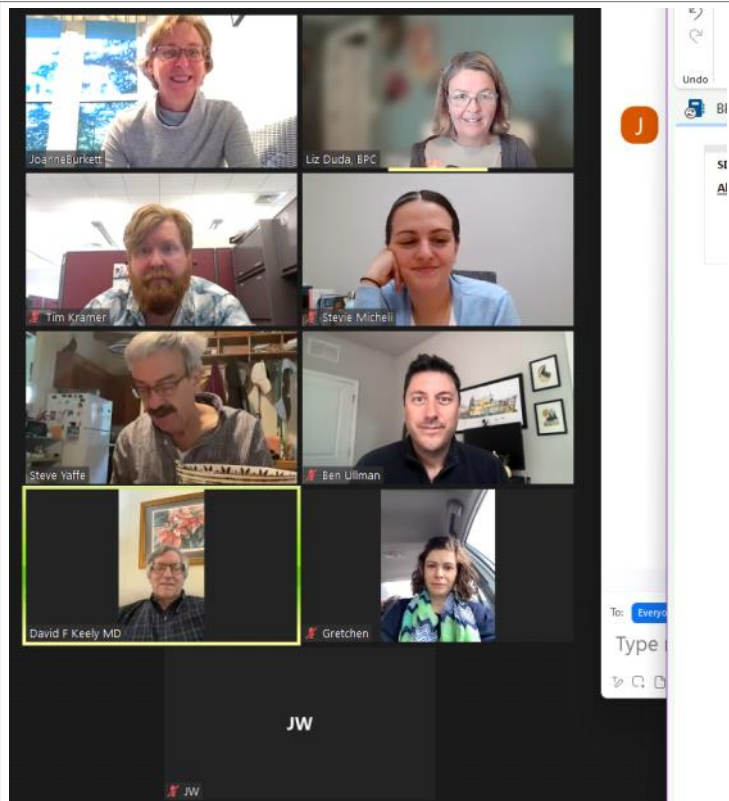
Bike/Ped Coalition (BPC) of York County Meeting - Wed., May 3, 2023, 9am, Zoom

Next BPC meeting – see you at the [SC Bike Walk Trails Summit](#) in Newberry, SC, on June 8-9!

Meeting Summary: Intros included representation from local municipalities, the statewide cycling coalition, the statewide health agency, local residents, local coalitions, local businesses, and education. The Palmetto Cycling Coalition reminded us of its June 8-9 [SC Bike Walk Trails Summit](#) in Newberry, SC.

5/3 BPC Meeting Participants

- **Liz Duda** (BPC Co-Chair), TC resident, community coalitions;
- **Ben Ullman** (BPC Co-Chair), trail and cycling advocate;
- **Cleopatra Allen**, RFATS Citizen Advisory Committee;
- **Gretchen Benner**, FM resident;
- **Joanne Burkett**, [Palmetto Cycling Coalition](#);
- **Dr. David Keely**, RFATS Citizen Advisory Committee, [Wholespire YC](#), [Tobacco-Free YC](#);
- **Tim Kramer**, Town of FM, Planner;
- **Steve Micheli**, SC DHEC;
- **Janet Wojcik**, Winthrop, [Wholespire YC](#);
- **Steve Yaffe**, transit consultant



Roundtable

Joanne Burkett

- see PCC.net; June 8-9 [summit](#), and [keynote speaker](#); Liz is registered, something for everyone - public health; a nationally known transportation expert; walkability expert and transportation planner with recent experience in Maui; NC planner with a book; Atlanta dynamic person involved; registration closes May 15 - please share with your networks; a personal interactive conference; Mark Fenton will take us on a walk audit; will plan pop-up infrastructure
- PCC has a new hands-free campaign and welcomes us to [sign the support letter](#)
- Contact her at joanne@pccsc.net with questions or feedback
- [SC Livable Streets Academy](#) started last week; included funding streams of Swamp Rabbit Trail; (Greenville?) city staff has a mobility coordinator so striping and repaving products have to pass through his office

Tim Kramer

- FM is creating a [trail master plan](#) with McAdams engineering consultant - are in last quarter of

project; will present to town council in August 2023; have 37 potential projects; will work with steering committee to identify four top-priority projects

Dr. Dave Keely

- Will follow up with [Chris Catoe](#) on the BPC's last month's Safe Routes to School discussion.
- He welcomes feedback on what to bring up at RFATS Citizens Advisory meetings to share with the RFATS Policy Committee.
 1. Fort Mill High School access from Harris Street and Sam Smith Road, as requested by Fort Mill residents and communicated by Gretchen Benner
 2. Televising and recording meetings for public viewing, as Liz Duda requested at the RFATS Policy Committee [2/24/2023 meeting public comments](#)
- Gretchen asks if the RFATS Policy Committee talk about Fort Mill High School access from Harris Street and Sam Smith Road? Did Tom Audette bring it up? No.

Ben Ullman

- May is National Bike Month, promoted by the League of American Bicyclists. Charlotte may have a mayor's ride. We can use this to raise awareness.

Gretchen Benner

- What is Fort Mill doing to promote bicycling, say related to Strawberry Festival? e.g., extra bike racks. She welcomes more safe bike access. Her family and others would benefit from extra bike racks.
- Tim Kramer notes that the town is planning it as a "park and ride." Not more bike racks. Tim will communicate this to Strawberry Festival Planner.
- Active transportation to the Strawberry Fest would be good and could model it on Quail Hollow which has added bike racks and is promoting bicycling there.
- Beautiful trail from Harris Street park that could use to get to Strawberry Fest- promote in advance, suggests Steve.
- Amor Artis Brewery sponsors bike rides and would support bike efforts in Fort Mill, notes Ben.

Liz Duda

- Tega Cay Elementary celebration of National Bike and Roll to School Day will be Friday, May 5, 2023. TCPD will host Coffee with a Cop; TCFD will offer Fistbumps with Firefighters; mayor, city council, and school board are invited to greet and congratulate the students and families

Rails to Trails

- Liz Duda is planning the first meeting and welcomes input.
- Hook people in. Generate interest. Show demand. Show benefits on land values and lifestyle. Swamp Rabbit Trail success story. Need the trail. Then came the economic development in Travelers Rest to Greenville.
- Show the endpoint in Rock Hill. Rock Hill has bike paths. Where will it hook up in RH since some bike routes are better than others. Have something at each end and connectivity to other bike routes.
- When choosing the route, consider planned residential developments.
- Simple Civics in Greenville has [info about development of Swamp Rabbit Trail](#) - Joanne suggests sharing with Rails to Trails. The PCC Streets Academy included funding streams of Swamp Rabbit Trail.
- FWIW, [recent Jeopardy champ Kevin Belle](#) is a Rails to Trails planner from Silver Spring, MD (and a drag queen named [Whiskey Ginger](#)), shared Ben.

Items for the Good of the Group

Upcoming Events

1. SC Bike Walk Trails [Summit](#), Newberry, SC, June 8-9
2. Strong Towns 2023 [conference](#), Charlotte, NC, May 30-31
3. [Congress for New Urbanism](#), Charlotte, NC, May 31-Jun 3 (mentions Baxter Village and Rock Hill as “walkable urbanism”)
4. RFATS Policy Committee Meeting [2023 schedule](#)
5. Rails to trails planning meeting, May 11, 3:30pm, YC EDC office

Webinar

- Safe Routes Partnership, Colorado Webinar Series: Let’s Make It Official! Safe Routes to School Plans and Policies [webinar](#), recorded Jan. 24, 2023 - focusing on school district, city, and county-level policies

Funding Opportunities

- [Safe Streets and Roads for All](#) (SS4A) - July 10, 2023, application deadline
- [Pennies for Progress](#) - public meetings are underway