

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting  
September 15, 2021**

**In person and Zoom meeting 9:00 a.m.**

**Attendees:**

Members: John Mott, Sandy O'Keefe, John Thurmes, Gene Brislin,

Late:

Visitors/ public comment: Eric Epstein, Ben Hough; Angelo Anastopoulos

Call to Order: Vice Chairman, Gene Brislin 9:09am

- I. Acceptance of Minutes:** Minutes from the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes
- II. New Officer voting-** Gene Brislin was nominated for Chairman and accepted, Sandy O'Keefe was nominated as Vice Chairman/ secretary and accepted
- III. New Business:** Reviewed the code of ordinance for the town of Summerville
  - 1.** Assist town staff in an inventory of existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities when needed.
    - a. GIS data base- town roads/ sidewalks
  - 2.** Advise town council and planning commission regarding the creation and review of mobility or transportation sections of the comprehensive plan, bicycle/pedestrian master plans or any bicycle/pedestrian matters related to policy and planning.
    - a. Give feedback and input in the towns vision plan for bike and pedestrian
    - b. Multiuse paths vs sidewalks
  - 3.** Establish and maintain a list of recommended bicycle and pedestrian facility priorities.
    - a. Bike racks, locations, bike pumps/ mechanical stands
  - 4.** Recommend roadway and bicycle/pedestrian facility design standards.
  - 5.** Develop methodologies for measuring bicycle and pedestrian activity and demand.
    - a. User count on certain streets/ areas/ sawmill branch trail etc.
  - 6.** Review preliminary project designs related to proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvements and provide comments to town planning staff related to qualitative improvements.
  - 7.** Assist in identifying alternative funding sources for bicycle and pedestrian projects, facilities and services.
    - a. Grant writing, Bike/ Ped Grants
  - 8.** Review town ordinances related to pedestrian and bicycle requirements and recommended enhancements or changes.
  - 9.** Facilitate cooperation between the Town of Summerville and local and regional citizenry and user advocacy groups.
  - 10.** Promote the importance of bicycling and walking within an overall transportation network.
    - a. Collaborate with other organizations in town such as Bike/ Walk Summerville
  - 11.** Promote education and safety programs for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists.
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- b. Bike rodeo bike races and events
  - 12. Provide a forum for citizen bicycle and pedestrian concerns.
    - a. Bike/ Walk Summerville
- IV. Old Business:
  - a. Update Berlin G Parkway Phase 3  
John Mott gave us an update that it should be approved and out for bid in March 2022
  - b. Review of the Committee comments of the 2010 Planning Docs as a group we will gather notes and highlights due date is our next meeting November 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Sandy spoke about the possibility of bringing a Criterium bike race to Summerville in the spring of 2022.
- V. Public Comments:
  - a. Eric Epstein, did research on the CORE areas of town and reported recommendations on priority areas for sidewalks or multiuse paths for the safety, and quality of life in town. Would like to discuss his findings further and gain understanding on funding for these type of projects and how to implement the changes.
  - b. Ben Hough, resident of Newington is also a past committee member and offered his assistance to be on the committee. He brought to our attention the motorized vehicles on the sawmill branch trail and how they are a safety hazard to those who frequent the trail for its intended purposes.

Next Meeting November 17<sup>th</sup>

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM

Respectfully submitted by Sandy O'Keefe