Attendees:
Members: John Pardee, Phyllis Thornwaite, Kelley Johnson, John Mott

Visitors: Tammie Taylor, Sandy O’Keefe, John Franko, Summerville Triathletes Club,

Call to Order: John Pardee called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

I. Public Comment

John Mott gave an update on the continues issues with the BGM extension and its effect on the SMB Trail. The last meeting revealed there would be no change to the plans, except for some vegetation growth.

John Pardee reviewed the Town Council’s latest decision to not approve additional funds for extending the SMB trail North to Jockey Court. The estimate to complete this project is $1.5 million. Further issues involved obtaining the approval of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company to extend the trail under the railroad tracks.

Action Item #1 - A draft letter will be written by John Mott and Kelley Johnson, for approval of the committee at the January 2020 meeting.
Action Item #2 - An invitation to our next meeting will be extended to the Mayor-elect, Ricky Waring.
John Pardee added that progress is being made at improving connectivity of sidewalks in the Newington neighborhood. Kelley added that pedestrian crossing signals are currently being installed at the intersection of South Main Street and West 6th Street.

II. Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the September 2019 meeting were approved.

III. New Business: None

IV. Old Business: The Bicycle Priority List was presented to the Planning Commission and the Town Council and was received by both. John will make sure that the list will be made available to the committee.

A letter was submitted to the Town from our committee regarding the Bike-Share program proposal. It was noted that the proposal did not receive the funding grant so it will be put on hold for now.

Mayor Johnson joined the committee and asked us to submit to him names of potential new members for the BPAC. He went over ongoing discussions with the railroad and encouraged us
to write a letter to outline our concerns and recommendations for improvements along and under the railroad tracks in the area.

Mayor Johnson was thanked for his continuous support of the BPAC and its mission. It was agreed that the new mayor will be invited to all future meetings.

Action Item - John Mott will draft a letter to be reviewed at our January 2020 meeting.

Future meetings:

January 15, 2020
February 12, 2020 - Sidewalk workshop
March 18, 2020
May 20, 2020
July 15, 2020
September 16, 2020
November 11, 2020 (tentative)

V. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM
Respectfully submitted by Kelley Johnson