

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)****Date:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022**Time:** 7:00 p.m.**Place:** City Council Chambers, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801**Members Present:** Bill Brown, Annie Adams, Kara Dudek, Cynthia Hoyle, Audrey Ishii, Susan Jones, Jeff Marino, Bruce Michelson, Nancy Westcott, John Zeman**Late Arrival:****Staff Present:** Carol Mitten**Others Present:****Members Absent:** Sarthak Prasad**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM****2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA****a. Upcoming IDOT Project on East University Avenue- Audrey Ishii****3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (March 15, 2022)**

Bruce Michelson moved to approve the March meeting minutes as amended. Susan Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

Members of Champaign County Bikes, Charlie Smyth, Chair, and Jeff Yockey, vice-chair, discussed the University Avenue IDOT Project and their support for bike and pedestrian infrastructure along University Avenue.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****a. BPAC Goals 2023- Kara Dudek**

Kara Dudek compiled, created, and presented the final draft of BPAC goals for FY2023. The goals included 5 themes: Research and Planning, Evaluation and Response, Culture and Communication, Equity, and Applications. Annie will evolve the communication plan with an air table in the next 90 days

Cynthia Hoyle motioned to approve the goals, Bruce Michelson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

**b. BPAC Participation in Bike Month- Cynthia Hoyle**

Cynthia Hoyle updated BPAC on some previously discussed topics. She then requested input from BPAC members on their participation during Bike Month. Those details will be communicated to Bridget Broihahn, the communication specialist at the City of Urbana.

Annie Adams furthered the idea and discussion for the social media campaign thru the City's social media.

Kara Dudek suggested members doing individual interviews and matching t-shirts that specify BPAC.

Bruce Michelson suggested a table at the market to help register bikes.

John Zeman mentioned that Bridget Broihahn is looking for content for an upcoming newsletter.

Bill Brown suggested creating an informational brochure or hand out. Cynthia Hoyle added that they should include information on the Bike Master Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan, Wayfinding plan and Vision Zero with links or QR codes.

Annie Adams will work on the branding for BPAC and getting the brochures together.

Cynthia Hoyle discussed several upcoming bike events:

- a. Bike to School day at UMS and UHS and will send out volunteer links to members.
- b. The Ride of Silence on May 18, 2022, starting at I Hotel
- c. Earth day Bike Ride April 22, 2022, starting at Common ground coop
- d. Mother's Day Bike Ride May 8, 2022, 2 p.m.
- e. Full Flower Moon Bike Ride May 18, 2022, beginning at Meadowbrook Park

John Zeman will check about the promotional budget for the Commission.

## **6. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS AND STAFF AND REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **a. Equity and Quality of Life Project- Carol Mitten**

Discussed submissions from the City survey and how they were scored, she provided a few examples of high scoring projects and the differences between capital and operational issues.

### **b. Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study- John Zeman**

The Study will be in coordination with Regional Planning Commission (RPC) starting January 2023, Florida Avenue to Green Street, safety grant to pay for study hopefully or city will if not. High safety concern intersections

### **c. Bicycle Friendly Community Application-Collaboration with RPC**

RPC has started with data collection needed for the application.

### **d. University Avenue from Maple Street to I74, meeting scheduled between IDOT and City**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Florida Avenue Corridor Study and Grant Application- John Zeman**

RPC has recently updated the corridor website and their concluding analysis and recommendations for future improvements which include intersection analysis.

John shared the RAISE grant application with the commission with additional details and links. The grant has been submitted through the efforts of Mass Transit District (MTD) and could award up to 11 million dollars.

The intersections analysis scope included the area from Wright Street to Lincoln Avenue including intersections at Lincoln Avenue and Orchard Street as well as Race Street and Vine Street. Future plans include a shared use path from Lincoln Avenue to Race Street and all new traffic signals as well as bus cut outs for MTD to pull safely off the main road. Several traffic scenarios were analyzed to alleviate traffic including a roundabout option that was turned down.

Annie Adams expressed her concerns about bicyclist safety still being a concern after the proposed changes and why she believes a roundabout would alleviate those concerns.

Cynthia Hoyle needed clarification on the RPC's study analysis and recommendations found on their Florida Avenue Corridor website, she will be submitting questions on their website.

Bill Brown discussed the crosswalks indicated at Carle Avenue and Orchard Street as well as signal technology for detection of pedestrians and bikes.

**8. Upcoming Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Project on East University Avenue- Audrey Ishii**

Audrey Ishii prepared a presentation to discuss the IDOT project on University Avenue and BPAC's input.

IDOT specified "Bicycle Travel Generators" must be within project vicinity (1.2 miles) to justify any facility such as sidewalk or bike lane. Many employers, shopping areas or other destinations were missed on the initial IDOT assessment that would have satisfied the travel generators criteria.

The Bike and Pedestrian Master Plans along this route need to be focused on the equity of the working class that live within this corridor. The speed limit and lack of adequate crossings makes it unsafe for all travelers.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Cynthia Hoyle has been appointed the President of Ride Illinois
- b. Kara Dudek announced the Urbana Park Districts event "Earth Day for Everyone" at Meadowbrook Park Saturday April 23, 2022.
- c. Jeff Yockey announced a Kickapoo Rail Trail celebration in Oakwood on Sunday April 24, 2022.

**10. FUTURE TOPICS**

- a. University Avenue Corridor
- b. BPAC Goals- Old Business
- c. Crash Data
- d. Student review and study report for the Bicycle Master Plan

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Lorri Brooks, Recording Secretary