



CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 18, 2023
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: City Council Chambers, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES

Members Present: Annie Adams, Bill Brown, Bruce Michelson, Yousaf Shah, Susan Jones, Daniel Saphiere, Sarthak Prasad, Audrey Ishii, John Zeman

Others Present: Nick Olsen

Members Absent: Kara Dudek, Nancy Westcott

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Bill Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Roll call was taken. A Quorum of Members was present.

B. Changes to the Agenda

none

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. January 2023 Meeting Minutes

Bruce Michelson motioned to approve the minutes, Susan Jones seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

D. Public Input

None

E. Unfinished Business

1. Vision Zero Update – Audrey Ishii

In 2020, a resolution passed to have Urbana join Vision Zero. 2030 is the year to try to reach zero fatalities. The pedestrian death rate in Champaign has decreased between the time span of 1998-2007 and 2008-2017. However, the pedestrian death rate in Urbana has increased within the same time span.

Urbana didn't receive the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant that the Champaign RPC applied for. There are two webinars in April (4/26/23 & 4/27/23) with more information regarding the SS4A grant overview and application process.

It was discussed to have a resolution for the City to apply for the SS4A grant. Bruce Michelson motioned to move the vote for final action on the resolution to next month for final action, Susan Jones seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

F. Reports of City Officials and Staff and Reports of Committees

- a. John said that traffic data from N. Lincoln, S. Lincoln, and speed study locations is to be collected later this month (April).
- b. John said that the City of Urbana received ITEP Grants. These grants will be used for the Bakers Lane multi-use path and the Florida Avenue shared-use path. Both of these have a tentative completion date of 2026.
- c. Nick Olsen went over aspects of the Bike Share Operator License draft. These would be three year licenses for bike share operators. What the City of Urbana is looking at proposing is comparable to the City of Champaign.

G. New Business

1. Crosswalk Yield Lines (a.k.a. “Shark’s Teeth”) – Annie Adams

Annie presented on Shark Teeth on Lincoln Avenue, proposing to add stop bars and “Stop Here for Pedestrians” signs to reduce the likelihood of a multiple-threat crash. There was discussion that there should be consistency with North Lincoln and South Lincoln. The City of Urbana advised against stop bars in 2019, but BPAC would like to revisit this option.

2. Marked Walking Trail through Downtown Urbana (Sage Trail) – Annie Adams

Annie presented on a walking trail tour from the Market at the Square to downtown Urbana. Examples were shown of the Turquoise Trail in Tucson, AZ. The idea of the walking trail would be to loop through downtown, highlighting structures and sites of interest.

The presentation included what you will see, who is the tour audience, suggested tour partners, and the possibility of looking into a walking grant.

The question was posed about if Urbana has extra paint and what color should be used?

3. Pedestrian Master Plan Review – Yousaf Shah

Yousaf’s presentation included an overview, City Council & Mayor’s Goals, and a review of the progress on the Pedestrian Master Plan’s Goals & Objectives. It was stated that the City has been dedicating more funding than planned; close to double the amount.

Bill asked for this presentation to be uploaded to the City website.

****During Yousaf’s presentation; Susan Jones motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, Audrey Ishii seconded. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.****

H. Announcements

- a. Daniel mentioned that May is Bike Month. There are several biking activities going on in May listed below. There are also lists of activities on the C-U Bike Month Facebook page and the Bike at Illinois website.
 - (1) 4/22/23 is Earth Day at Meadowbrook Park
 - (2) 5/3/23 is Bike & Roll to School Day
 - (3) 5/14/23 is the Mother’s Day Ride
 - (4) 5/17/23 is the Ride of Silence
 - (5) 5/27/23 is the Smart Cycling Class with Cynthia Hoyle and Daniel
- b. Sarthak and a student in Urban Planning are doing a bike census for campus and updating the Campus Bike Plan.

I. Future Topics

- a. Vision Zero Resolution
- b. Susan suggested to have a topic from the Pedestrian Master Plan Review.
- c. Bill suggested having a bike topic for Bike Month.

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.