



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Urbana City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin  
**DATE:** January 10, 2022  
**RE:** Board and Commission Appointment

I am pleased to submit the following Appointment for your approval:

**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Commission – effective immediately through June 30, 2025**

**Bruce Michelson**

Bruce Michelson has called Urbana home for over 45 years and has had a long-time interest in bicycle safety locally. During the tenure of Mayor Jeff Markland, he chaired the Urbana Citizen's Advisory Commission on Bicycle Programs whose major accomplishment was replacement of more than 400 'suicide' storm grates, structures into which bicycle wheels could easily drop, resulting in accidents and injuries.

Bruce is particularly interested in the rising local and national popularity of electric bicycles that has the advantage of attracting more people to bicycle commuting in good weather. However, he realizes that Urbana may need to look carefully at feasible safety and public-works measures elsewhere to address this substantial change in commuting and recreational cycling while keeping plans and proposals plausible.

Mr. Michelson is a Retired Director of the Campus Honors Program at the University of Illinois and a retired Professor of American Literature in the Department of English.