

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING
CONSTRUCTION OF A PAVILION FOR THE MARKET AT THE SQUARE**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) was established by the Urbana City Council on June 16, 2006, and is authorized under Urbana City Code Chapter 23 Article X1, Sections 23-146 through 23-150; and

WHEREAS, duties of BPAC include advising the mayor and City Council on bicycle and pedestrian issues and recommending actions as it deems appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Market at the Square (the Market) has proven to be one of the most popular and successful pedestrian venues in the central core of the city; and

WHEREAS, towns of comparable size, location, and resources have shown that attractive open-air shelters for such markets can be affordable and enhance downtown appearance and vitality; and

WHEREAS, a well-designed and constructed pavilion would provide protection and appeal in inclement weather, benefit patronage, and provide better value to vendors; and

WHEREAS, the creation of infrastructure to provide shelter to the Market directly aligns with the two plans which BPAC stewards: the Urbana Pedestrian Master Plan and the Urbana Bicycle Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Market at the Square is specifically mentioned within both plans, signifying just how important it is as a bicycle and pedestrian destination in Urbana; and

WHEREAS, this project addresses the Accessibility & Connectivity, Equity, and Vibrancy pillars of the Pedestrian Master Plan, most directly connecting to the Vibrancy pillar which aims to “create healthy, sustainable, aesthetically pleasing, and economically stimulating community streetscapes and natural landscapes that both inspire and facilitate walking”;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BICYCLE AND
PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS,** as
follows:

BPAC recommends that the City, in consultation with the Market at the Square Advisory Board and established Market vendors, assess the feasibility of, and interest in construction of an attractive pavilion on a well-selected open space to promote the Market and provide a venue for other community activities.

**PASSED BY THE CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMISSION** this 21st day of March, 2023.



Bill Brown, Chair