



CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 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, Kara Dudek, Yousaf Shaw, Nancy Westcott, Susan Jones, Daniel Saphiere, John Zeman

Others Present:

Members Absent: Sarthak Prasad, Audrey Ishii

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Bill Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, Roll call was taken. A Quorum of Members was present.

B. Changes to the Agenda

Bill Brown added All About “U” Newsletter to New Business.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. December 20, 2022 Minutes

Change “Chris Brown” under unfinished business to someone who was present.

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. Promoting Downtown Pedestrian and Bicycle Activity with Farmers Market Pavilions – Bruce Michelson

Bruce presented several examples of pavilions from around the country. Bruce stated that Farmer’s Market is going good, but the downside is that it is out in the open. The Commission discussed getting a proposal together to the City for a pavilion to support the Farmer’s Market vitality. This would be a multistep process and could possibly extend the Market season. Bruce will get suggestions to Bill about making this proposal conclusive to bicycles & pedestrians.

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

1. John Zeman showed part of the Public Realm Study, which goes to City Council on 3/13/23.
2. There was discussion about parking in bike lanes. Could there be “No Parking” or “Tow Away Zone” signs on Green Street. This would require an ordinance.
3. In June 2023, there are 5 BPAC terms that expire (Annie, Bill, Kara, Yousaf, & John). These members should let John know if they are interested in continuing with another term.

4. John announced that Public Works has hired an Administrative Assistant, Misty Vrablic and an Administration Supervisor, Michelle Higar. He also announced that there are applicants for one more Administrative Assistant.
5. Bicycle Friendly applications have gone out.
6. There was a suggestion made to bring the blue bike corral to the Farmer's Market. Annie suggested that it be brought to downtown. It used to be in front of Crane Alley, but is in storage now.
7. Winter sidewalk construction is underway on parts of Hill St, California, Lincoln, & Eads). The City tries to convert brick sidewalks to concrete, which makes them ADA compliant.
8. The EQL project is in the beginning design. Bidding begins in November.

G. New Business

1. Annual Report – Bill Brown

Bill Brown presented a working copy of the Annual Report. The committee wants to keep the introduction as it is. The Quality of Life Projects and Bicycle Master Plan Review sections need to be expanded upon. BPAC Goals sections needs to list the goals. The committee would like an E-Bikes and Public Outreach section added. There was also discussion on where to place items in the Annual Report.

2. All About “U” Newsletter – Bill Brown (added during Changes to the Agenda)

Bill Brown would like more information from BPAC in the newsletter. Susan and Daniel said that they could both volunteer to write something each month to include in the newsletter.

H. Announcements

This meeting was Kara's last meeting.

I. Future Topics

The annual report is unfinished business.
Pedestrian Master Plan Review.

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.