

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)*****Meeting Minutes***

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**Date:** Thursday, January 28, 2020**Time:** 7:00 p.m.**Place:** City Council Chambers, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801 held virtually via Zoom

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**Members Present:** Bill Brown\* (Chair), Annie Adams, Shannon Beranek, Kara Dudek, Cynthia Hoyle, Audrey Ishii, Susan Jones, Jeff Marino, Sarthak Prasad, Nancy Westcott

**Late Arrival:** None

**Staff Present:** Lily Wilcock

**Others Present:** Deborah Liu

**Members Absent:** None

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Bill Brown called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

*\*Chair Bill Brown was physically present at the meeting location, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801.*

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Brown requested to omit the annual report draft segment from the agenda.

Susan Jones moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Audrey Ishii seconded the motion.

Roll was taken on the motion to approve the agenda with the omission the annual report draft segment. The motion was approved.

Brown-Aye	Adams-Aye	Beranek-Aye	Dudek-Aye	Hoyle-Aye
Jones-Aye	Marino-Aye	Ishii-Aye	Westcott-Aye	Prasad-Aye

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Audrey Ishii moved to approve the minutes.

Cynthia Hoyle seconded the motion.

Roll was taken on the motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2020 meeting. The motion was approved.

Brown-Aye	Adams-Aye	Beranek-Aye	Dudek-Aye	Hoyle-Aye
Jones-Aye	Marino-Aye	Ishii-Aye	Westcott-Aye	Prasad-Aye

**4. PUBLIC INPUT**

Deborah Liu read aloud a statement regarding the pedestrian fatality that recently occurred in East Urbana.

Vice-Chair, Cynthia Hoyle, directed the question to Bill Brown on how might the commission work discussion around this fatality into the evening's agenda.

Brown responded by stating the agenda item of revisiting the 2018 KRT Connectivity Study would leave room for related discussion.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

None

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Revisiting 2018 KRT Connectivity Study

Bill Brown shared a visual of the 2018 Kickapoo Rail Trail connectivity study with the commission. This Study showed the various route options for extending the KRT terminus near the Urbana Walmart to Weaver Park. The three most desired options for connection were to create a side path along Main Street, continue the trail and heading south down Smith Road, or create a crossing along Baker's lane. Pros and Cons to each of these alternatives were analyzed in this study.

Brown shared where the recent pedestrian fatality occurred at the intersection of Main and Dewey Street and shared a visual of that location. Discussion followed.

Chair Brown proposed making recommendations in the short-term that would impact the further study of connecting the KRT and also increase the overall safety of this area.

Audrey Ishii shared the statistical relationship between speed limits and likeliness of survival in the event of a crash at said limits.

Cynthia Hoyle suggested making recommendations relative to this study both in the long-term and the short-term. One item in particular for the short-term would be speed limit reductions which could also be passed along to the city's Traffic Commission for further input. Discussion followed.

Chair Brown inquired about making a motion for these recommendations.

Brown continued covering the KRT alternatives and shared that right-of-way purchases would need to be made for each route. Discussion followed.

Cynthia Hoyle moved to recommend short and long-term solutions for the East Main Street Corridor including speed limit reduction, additional signage, street lighting, and recommending alternative 2 for the KRT connectivity with the addition of a sidewalk on the north-side of Main Street and safe crossing for bus stops.

Annie Adams seconded the motion.

Jeff Marino asked if the study of this area was shown in the bike master plan and if any recommendations were made for improvement. Discussion followed.

Roll was taken on the motion to present these recommended solutions to City Council and the Traffic Commission. The Motion was approved.

Brown-Aye

Adams-Aye

Beranek-Nay

Dudek-Aye

Hoyle-Aye

Jones-Aye

Marino-Aye

Ishii-Aye

Westcott-Aye

Prasad- Aye

Deborah Liu, member of the public, shared her frustration with the current road infrastructure within the city. Liu stated that lowering the speed limit and increasing signage still would not make the roads safe enough to avoid pedestrian fatalities. Discussion followed.

b. Update on Vision Zero

Audrey Ishii shared a visual of the draft call for Vision Zero task force members. Ishii mentioned the next steps in the Vision Zero timeline were to create a communication strategy by February 2021, have the communication strategy operational by April 2021, and have a draft action plan started by June 2021. Ishii stated that at minimum the proposed task force should include members of Publix Works, Police, and Public Health.

Cynthia Hoyle shared a list of organizations within the city and possible contacts that would be good candidates to join the Vision Zero task force. Discussion followed.

Hoyle shared a sample from the City of Charlotte showing their Vision Zero focus areas. It was suggested that the Urbana Vision Zero task force could make the same approach with the action plan and outreach. "We want to create safe streets for everybody and have a culture of safety based on data," Hoyle stated.

1 Hoyle presented a document with the commission containing information on a safe systems approach to  
2 preventing traffic deaths within the community. This approach focused on system failure rather than individual  
3 actions and reducing impact when collisions do occur. Discussion followed.

4 Audrey Ishii asked the commission if there should be a target date established for a follow up meeting with the  
5 Vision Zero committee and if a press release should be sent out. Discussion followed.

6 **c. Update On Pedestrian Streets**

7 Annie Adams shared a PowerPoint presentations of “Urbana Slow Streets.” This presentation displayed examples of how  
8 Urbana and other neighboring communities have been utilizing city streets for extending outdoor dining etc. over the last  
9 year. The process of how slow streets were selected and implemented in other areas was explained in the presentation as  
10 well. Discussion followed.

11 Cynthia Hoyle recommended to Annie Adams that the pedestrian street committee make an application to the  
12 Community Learning Lab to get student volunteer assistance with future outreach. Discussion followed.

13 Jeff Marino moved to have Annie Adams continue with the timeline as identified in the presentation.

14 Sarthak Prasad seconded the motion.

15 Roll was taken on the motion to continue with the slow street timeline. The motion was approved.

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17 Brown-Aye	Adams-Aye	Beranek-Aye	Dudek-Aye	Hoyle-Aye
18 Jones-Aye	Marino-Aye	Ishii-Aye	Westcott-Aye	Prasad- Aye

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20 **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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  - Nationally, the official Bike to Work Day will not happen this year in the manner at which it has
  - 22 previously
  - 23 • It is being considered for Bike to Work Day to run in conjunction with Light the Night in
  - 24 September of 2021

25 **8. FUTURE TOPICS**

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  - a. Vision Zero task force update
  - 27 b. Pedestrian Street Committee update
  - 28 c. BPAC advising on CIP expenditure

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30 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

31 The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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33 Shelby Mammano, Recording Secretary