



CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Lewis Auditorium, Urbana Free Library

210 West green Street, Urbana, IL. 61801

MINUTES

Members Present: Bill Brown, Bruce Michelson, Kara Dudek, Dan Saphiere, Nancy Westcott, Sarthak Prasad, John Zeman

Others Present: Cynthia Hoyle, Thomas Valencia, Nick Olsen, Gaby Harpel, Gabe Lewis, Jeff Yockey

Members Absent: Annie Adams, Susan Jones, Yousaf Shah, Audrey Ishii

1. Call to Order, Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum

Bill Brown called the meeting to order at 7:06pm, Roll call was taken. A Quorum of Members was present.

2. Additions to the Agenda

None

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

None

4. Public Issues

Other than presentations, none

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. Reports of City Officials, and Staff and Reports of Committees

Bill and Annie attended the Traffic Commission Meeting in January and they were discussing potential ordinance prohibiting parking in bike lanes to some kind of events. There wasn't an argument against it, but how to best implement it. It was being sent back to the City Attorney at this time for further discussion and will likely be brought up again at the next Traffic Commission Meeting.

7. New Business

a. Regional Planning Commission - Gaby Harpel and Gabe Lewis - breakdown of the Bicycle Friendly Community Application and how the categories works. Questions were presented to the group and feedback to each question was requested. Discussion and feedback to this questionnaire will be requested until January 31st, 2023.

b. Walk and Roll to School Day-Thomas Valencia – Presenting the results of the international event from last October and the data collected from those results. Champaign had no participating schools. Data collection resource maps were given to parents and students to utilize and were encouraged to write on; however, no one used the maps. A walkability checklist was also utilized. They received 3 surveys. Discussion of those surveys took place, all of which are from Leal School District only, so this is not indicative of the entire school district. Recommendations from Safe Routes to School Plan, include prioritizing pedestrian and bike facilities within 0.5 mile radius, addressing speeding issues and crosswalks, specifically Birch and Illinois Streets. The City of Urbana and the Urbana School District were encouraged to reach out to Rantoul School District for examples as they have recently teamed up with RPC to develop SRTSP for their elementary schools in 2020. Questions were invited.

8. Future Topics

- a. The University will be updating the campus bike plan in June 2024**
- b. Promoting Downtown Pedestrians and Bicycle Activities with Farmers Market Pavilions-Bruce Michelson**
- c. Annual Report**

9. Announcements

- a.** Dan Saphiere- discussed the Snow Angels Project with the University and partnering with the schools. He will be sending out the Google Docs form rather than utilizing Facebook promotions for those of us that would like to sign up for the adoption of shoveling an Urbana City sidewalk.
- b.** Sarthak Prasad- will be working with officials from The City of Urbana and a Master's Student from Urban Planning and Development from the University to complete this summer, the curb at Main and Matthews.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.