

1 **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)**

2 ***Meeting Minutes***

3 **Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020**

4 **Time: 7:00 p.m.**

5 **Place: City Council Chambers, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801 held virtually via Zoom**

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

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9 **Late Arrival:** None

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11 **Staff Present:** Lily Wilcock, Tim Cowan

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13 **Others Present:** Bob Nelson (IDOT), Deborah Liu, Girija Bodhankar

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15 **Members Absent:** None

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

18 Bill Brown called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

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

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22 **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

23 Audrey Ishii moved to approve the agenda.

24 Nancy Westcott seconded the motion.

25 Roll was taken on the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was approved.

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

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

31 Susan Jones moved to approve the minutes.

32 Annie Adams seconded the motion.

33 Roll was taken on the motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2020 meeting. The motion was
34 approved.

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

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39 **4. PUBLIC INPUT**

40 Deborah Liu displayed an image of the Broadway and Park street intersection as she shared her concerns on
41 pedestrian and cyclist safety in this location. Liu noted that the north and south bound traffic of Broadway did
42 not have stop signs as cars approached the intersection. Liu expressed there was an increased safety risk,
43 especially given that a cross walk and MTD bus stop were also located at that intersection. Deborah also
44 inquired about the possibility of Park Street becoming a one-way street in the future. Bill Brown recommended
45 Deborah reach out to the city's traffic advisory commission to also address her concerns with them.

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47 **5. NEW BUSINESS**

48 **a. Introduction from Public Works Director/Reducing zoom meeting schedule**

49 Tim Cowan introduced himself to the commission as the newly joined Interim Public Works Director. Cowan
50 provided a brief summary of his engineering background with Municipalities and mentioned his participation
51 as a member of the DATS Board. This board focused on the Danville Area Transportation Study which

1 consisted of long-term planning for the city of Danville’s bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
2 Cowan shared the City’s request to potentially reduce zoom usage among all boards and commissions. Doing
3 so could assist in mitigating scheduling conflicts going forward. Audrey Ishii posed the idea of occasionally
4 combining BPAC meetings with Traffic Advisory Commission. Discussion followed.
5 Tim Cowan also questioned if it were a possibility to reduce the frequency of BPAC meetings for the time
6 being. Discussion followed.
7 Chair Brown cancelled the December 2020 BPAC meeting.
8 Brown mentioned to Cowan that one of the assignments of BPAC is to provide input on capital improvement
9 projects and asked to keep BPAC in mind when planning begins for future projects.
10 Annie Adams voiced to Cowan that there is currently no interaction between commissions and that joining in
11 on other commission meetings periodically would be mutually beneficial. Discussion followed.

12 **b. Prioritizing segments of rural highways**

13 Bill Brown reintroduced the agenda item that was presented at the previous meeting on October 20, 2020
14 regarding rural highway improvements for cyclists. A visual was shared utilizing the STRAVA app which
15 displayed a heat map of Champaign County. Upon presenting high risk segments of roadway, Bill Brown
16 questioned Bob Nelson, with IDOT, if there were any programs in place that provided additional funding for
17 improving these areas.
18 Bob Nelson responded that historically, improvements of shorter segments of roadway tended to be cost
19 prohibitive which is why IDOT has generally made improvements to these areas as a part of larger projects.
20 Nelson mentioned that the STRAVA app was utilized when route 150 was reconstructed. The information
21 that was taken from STRAVA was considered when changes to the shoulder width in that location were
22 made. Nelson encouraged the commission to notify him of problem segments that are heavily utilized by
23 cyclists going forward. This was so that he may keep tabs on getting those areas corrected when future
24 shoulder work projects take place.
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26 **c. Vision Zero Update**

27 Cynthia Hoyle shared a brief video from the World Health Organization which promoted awareness for roadway death
28 reduction efforts. Hoyle introduced University of Illinois student, Girija Bodhankar, who had volunteered to assist with
29 the Vision Zero initiative. Bodhankar shared a PowerPoint presentation that included the goals of Vision Zero along
30 with statistical data supporting the efforts behind this initiative. Also included in this presentation was the action plan
31 schedule which included a timeline of steps to be taken by the Urbana Vision Zero task force. Discussion followed.
32 Jeff Marino motioned for the Vision Zero subcommittee to work with the University of Illinois on developing
33 a communication strategy and move forward with the Vision Zero Action Plan schedule.
34 Susan Jones seconded the motion.
35 Roll was taken on the motion and was approved.
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37 Brown-Aye	Adams-Aye	Beranek-Aye	Dudek-Aye	Hoyle-Aye
38 Jones-Aye	Marino-Aye	Ishii-Aye	Westcott-Aye	Prasad- Aye

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40 **d. Pedestrian Street Options**

41 Cynthia Hoyle shared a PowerPoint presentation which explored various safe street designs. Hoyle explained
42 and differentiated between slow streets, play streets, open streets, shared streets, and neighborhood
43 greenways/bicycle boulevards. Hoyle shared the benefits of these safe street options and provided examples of
44 various cities that have successfully adopted these practices. Discussion followed. Deborah Liu provided
45 commentary on the presentation and shared her thoughts on how Oakland, CA successfully implemented these
46 concepts. Discussion Followed.

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6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Two letters were submitted on behalf of BPAC in support of two recent ITEP grants.
- There will be a new method of traffic enforcement implemented over the next year by the Urbana Police Department to address the disparity in traffic stops.
 - Deborah Liu asked the question of whether or not red light cameras were permitted and commented on how they would be an effective way to mitigate racial disparity in traffic stops.
 - A website has been created to share information on our local community safe street efforts and included data regarding Vision Zero. <https://peopleforsafestreets.weebly.com>

8. FUTURE TOPICS

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

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

***Respectfully submitted,

Shelby Mammano, Recording Secretary