



CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, July 21, 2026
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES

Members Present: Annie Adams, Nicholas Anand, Carmen Franks, Qiushi Huang, Susan Jones, Bruce Michelson, Sarthak Prasad, Nancy Westcott, Tim Friedman

Others Present: member of the public

Members Absent: Kevin Murphy, Sara Rand, Gisselle Juarez-Alquicira

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Annie Adams called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Roll was taken. A quorum of members was present.

B. Changes to the Agenda

Carmen Franks motioned to move Wayfinding Needs, #3 in New Business, to Future Topics, Bruce Michelson seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. April 2026 Meeting Minutes

Bruce Michelson motioned to approve the minutes, Susan Jones seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

2. May 2026 Meeting Minutes

Nicholas Anand motioned to approve the minutes, Bruce Michelson seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

3. June 2026 Meeting Minutes

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. Ordinance Update & Resolution for MTD Rep

Carmen Franks read through the proposed updated ordinance amending Chapter 23 Article 11 subsection 23-147(a), Regulations for Bicycles. This is requesting to amend the City Code to include MTD as an organization with a representative on BPAC nominated by the organization.

Bruce Michelson read through the resolution that will be sent to City Council. There was a brief discussion resulting in changing some abbreviations throughout the resolution.

Bruce Michelson motioned to approve the resolution as amended, Carmen Franks seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

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

1. City Project Updates

Carmen Franks gave updates on the following City projects.

- a. Shared Use Path projects
 - Florida Avenue Shared Use Path
 - Bakers Lane Shared Use Path
- b. Roadway projects
 - Country Club Road & Perkins Road
 - Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study
 - North Lincoln Avenue project from Wascher to Killarney
 - Springfield Avenue resurfacing project
 - Florida Avenue project from Wright to Hillcrest
 - Illinois & Vine Street project
 - Traffic Signal Improvements
- c. Sidewalk Improvement projects
 - TIF 4 Sidewalk Improvements
 - The City is still developing a plan for maintenance on streetscape bricks downtown.
 - CDBG Sidewalk project
- d. EQL Projects
 - EQL FY25 Program – sidewalks, streetlights, and traffic calming

2. Bikeshare Working Group

Carmen said that the City Planner is working on revising the code that is related to the bike share program. He has also reached out to the Veo contact but hasn't received a response.

3. ADA Compliance Working Group

Carmen said that the City is still planning to move forward with an agreement with RPC for them to do the work of updating the City's ADA Transition Plan.

The City has made some updates to the tracking of ADA grievances that they've received.

There is now an ADA compliance snow removal group that is meeting regarding snow removal on sidewalks.

4. Public Outreach & Advocacy Working Group

Tim brought up discussing going to the Farmer's Market. It was decided that this will be a working group discussion first before bringing it to BPAC.

G. New Business

1. Snow Removal: Shovel My Walk signage

Annie showed a sign that she found in Wisconsin that can be put on a porch that states that the person living there is in need of a Snow Angel that could assist with clearing their snow. Right now, it is a website through Safe Routes to School that you add your address to if you need assistance.

After a brief discussion, Annie is going to reach out to Safe Routes to School to see if they would be interested in this idea.

2. BPAC Spending: approx. \$1,725 to MTD for Light the Night

Carmen said that the planning is underway for Bike Month and they will be asked to sponsor the Light the Night event in September.

3. Wayfinding Needs: 2020 Plan, Downtown Public Realm Study, KRT

During Changes to the Agenda this was moved to Future Topics.

4. Large Vehicle Impacts on Peds/Bicyclists

Annie presented on the deadly rise of giant trucks and SUVs. With smaller vehicles a hit would roll you onto the car; with larger vehicles you get sucked under and run over.

The Urbana Police Department has a new strategic safety plan that is a comprehensive data-driven approach to reduce crashes, injuries, & fatalities through education, community partnerships, engineering collaborations, & highly visible traffic enforcement.

H. Announcements

Sarthak Prasad had the following announcements:

Bike to Work Day is September 16th from 7 am – 10 am; the rain date is September 17th

Light the Night is September 22nd from 4 pm – 7 pm; the rain date is September 23rd

The U of I is in the process of moving all bicycles left behind from the Spring Semester

U of I move in is the week of August 16th

Bruce Michelson expressed his concern about going into the academic year without a contract with Veo.

Susan Jones announced that Parkland classes begin on August 17th

Tim Friedman announced that Urbana High School begins on August 18th

Annie Adams volunteered at the CU triathlon, which was in Champaign.

I. Future Topics

1. Bicyclist & pedestrian fatalities discussion? [Sara/County Coroner Office]

2. Update on Florida Ave Roadway project [Carmen]

3. Overview of the materials used for road repairs & resurfacing [PW]

4. Battery/e-bike safety & public education discussion [UFD]

5. Bike Safety Initiative by the State

6. Collaboration with Sola Gratia

7. Wayfinding Needs: 2020 Plan, Downtown Public Realm Study, KRT – this was moved to Future Topics from New Business during Changes to the Agenda

8. See if Police have time to present to BPAC

9. Safe Routes to School about Snow Angels

10. Safe Routes to School about physical routing

11. Update & revisit Veo contract situation

12. Presentation from MTD about how they operate during snow situations

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm.