



**CITY OF URBANA
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMISSION MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday, October 17, 2023
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES

Members Present: Annie Adams, Susan Jones, Bruce Michelson, Audrey Ishii, Sarthak Prasad, Daniel Saphiere, Nancy Westcott, John Zeman, Keenan Portis

Others Present: none

Members Absent: none

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Audrey Ishii called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was taken. A Quorum of Members was present.

B. Changes to the Agenda

Annie Adams asked to make a short presentation about lightbulbs in the City lamps. This will be added after the Lincoln Corridor Study presentation.

Susan Jones motioned to add the lightbulb presentation to the agenda, Daniel Saphiere seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

none

D. Public Input

none

E. ~~New~~ Unfinished Business

John Zeman pointed out that “New” should be “Unfinished” on the agenda.

1. E-Bike Regional Coordination Resolution – Bruce Michelson

Bruce said that the seven entities need to get together and communications need to be unilateral regarding micro-mobility, such as E-Bikes and E-Scooters. Audrey will share the proposed resolution at a future CUUATS meeting.

Susan Jones motioned to send the resolution to City Council with revisions discussed, Nancy Westcott seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

2. Marked Walking Trail through Downtown Urbana (Sage Trail) – Annie Adams

Annie presented an overview of Sage Trail Walking Tour, which she has based off of the Turquoise Trail in Tucson, AZ. She envisions two routes; one purple and one green.

The next steps are to:

share with people & gauge interest
figure out cost; quote for paint & what kind of paint could be used
tighten up the two-mile loop & maybe incorporate Blair Park
see if there are any private ownership issues along the trail

3. Draft 2024 Annual Goals – Audrey Ishii

Audrey presented the 14 potential goals for BPAC. Some goals that had specifics pointed out were:
Obtain an SS4A grant – there is a very short time between the application announcement & the application deadline.

Florida Avenue & University Ave safe & attractive to all users – there are no design contract yet, but the City has five statements of qualifications.

It was suggested to do a poll to see what goals are priorities since there are so many. For the poll, it was asked for a few more potential goals to be added: the pavilion at the Market at the Square that Bruce presented on earlier in the year and the traffic calming need at Vine & Fairlawn that Annie presented on earlier in the year.

4. No Parking in Bike Lanes Ordinance – John Zeman

This ordinance was presented at City Council on 10/16/23, and will be on the consent agenda for Monday, 10/23/23. The ordinance went through BPAC & the Traffic Commission. The Traffic Commission made some edits before it went to council.

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

1. Citizen Problem Reporter – this is a GIS based way for infrastructure concerns to be reported.
2. Speed Studies & Traffic Calming – there were six speed studies done & they need worked through to see what is actionable or not.
3. ITEP Designs – there is a budget amendment for the 10/23/23 City Council meeting.
4. EQL Design – there are preliminary plans, moving into more detailed plans for construction next year.
5. Florida Avenue Roadway Design – someone will be selected in November.
6. North Lincoln Avenue Design – this was part of the SS4A grant. There were six submissions for designs.
7. Florida & Race – we didn't get the Highway Safety Improvement grant for this.

G. New Business

1. Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study – Audrey Ishii

This study is in Phase I, visioning. Public outreach was the week prior. Input is being taken until 10/20/23.

During New Business, Daniel Saphiere motioned to extend the meeting by 5 minutes, Nancy Westcott seconded. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote

2. Light Bulbs – Annie Adams

Annie said that the light bulbs in the City street lamps are the wrong color. They are blue instead of warm yellow. She wondered if someone at the City ordered the wrong color and they should be switched with the correct color.

H. Announcements

Annie Adams spoke of the Urbana Witches Ride on 10/29/23.

Sarthak Prasad had the following announcements:

1. Bike to Work Day had a record number of participants.
2. At Light the Night, 850 bike light sets were installed.
3. The U of I has applied for Bike Friendly University.

I. Future Topics

none – Audrey will send out an email asking for ideas

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.