



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

DATE: Tuesday, February 20, 2024
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES

Members Present: Annie Adams, Susan Jones, Tommy Griscom, Qiushi Huang, Bruce Michelson, Keenan Portis, Sarthak Prasad, Nancy Westcott

Others Present: none

Members Absent: Audrey Ishii, Daniel Saphiere, John Zeman

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Acting Chair, Sarthak Prasad, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Roll was taken. A Quorum of Members was present.

1. Introduction of New Members

Two new BPAC members were introduced, Qiushi Huang & Tommy Griscom. They both gave a brief introduction of themselves & their backgrounds. The rest of the present commissioners introduced themselves to Qiushi & Tommy.

B. Changes to the Agenda

none

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. August 15, 2023 Minutes

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

2. October 17, 2023 Minutes

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

D. Public Input and Commissioner Communications

none

E. Unfinished Business

1. University of Illinois Sustainable Transportation Initiatives – Sarthak Prasad

Sarthak continued his presentation from the last meeting on the following:

- 1) TDM (Transportation Demand Management) Infrastructure project updates
- 2) ADA Transition Plan project updates – The U of I was awarded \$1 million of funding for ADA improvements
- 3) iCAP (Illinois Climate Action Plan) Portal – Sarthak demonstrated the portal

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

Annie gave a brief overview of the Sage Trail that is based on the Turquoise Trail Walking Tour in Tucson, AZ. The Sage Trail would be a 2-mile loop through downtown Urbana. Some sidewalks would need to be updated along the trail. Annie will make a map & share it with commissioners. She will also present the idea to the Historic Preservation Committee.

3. Street Lighting – Annie Adams

Annie talked about the advantages of yellow lights over blue lights, in regards to Urbana's street lighting. She would like to get a Dark Sky ordinance in place and have Urbana become a Dark Sky Community with all lights pointing downward.

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

With John Zeman's absence, there were none.

G. New Business

1. 2024 Meeting Calendar – John Zeman

With John Zeman's absence, this was not done.

2. Residential Street Speed Limits – Audrey Ishii

With Audrey Ishii's absence, this was not done.

H. Announcements

Susan Jones said that the Prairie Cycle Club was reviving its annual tour on June 1st, 2024.

Sarthak Prasad said that Veo is planning a relaunch in March 2024.

I. Future Topics

1. Bruce Michelson suggested that a member of the Fire Department be invited to a BPAC meeting regarding possible safety issues related to an increase in micro-transportation deploying rechargeable lithium-ion batteries and whether or not BPAC can provide support in raising public awareness.
2. Sarthak Prasad would like to present on the U of I Bike Plan Update. Public input will hopefully be in April, therefore Sarthak could present to BPAC in May or June.

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.