



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

DATE: Tuesday, November 19, 2024
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES

Members Present: Annie Adams (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), Susan Jones, Qiushi Huang, Audrey Ishii, Bruce Michelson, Nancy Westcott

Others Present: Marcus Ricci (City of Urbana Community Development Department)

Members Absent: Tommy Griscom, Keenan Portis, Sarthak Prasad, Carmen Franks

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Audrey Ishii called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was taken.

**Annie Adams arrived to the meeting at 7:01 p.m. at the end of roll call.*

With Annie's arrival, a quorum of members was present.

B. Changes to the Agenda

None

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. September 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

2. October 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Susan Jones motioned to approve both sets of minutes together, Bruce Michelson seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous vote.

D. Public Input and Commissioner Communications

Annie Adams thanked Audrey Ishii for going to the Plan Commission meetings and for her advocacy on walkability.

Qiushi Huang brought up a concern regarding UI students and the need for them to know to use bike lights and the need for more safety awareness for those riding bikes.

E. Unfinished Business

1. Annual Report for Calendar Year 2024

Audrey Ishii presented the Annual Report that is to be presented at a future City Council meeting.

After the presentation, there was a discussion on points to change and/or clarify with the report. Those points included explaining how the #'s were calculated, changing the fatality #'s to the victims' names, pointing out that Urbana has more bikers and walkers than Champaign.

With those changes in mind, Bruce Michelson motioned to approve the BPAC 2024 Annual Report. Nancy Westcott seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous vote.

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

In Carmen Franks' absence, Marcus Ricci gave the following updates on City projects.

1. EQL Sidewalks – all FY22 sidewalk locations have been constructed
2. EQL Street Lights – the contract has been awarded to Champaign Signal & Lighting. This includes all EQL locations except for Florida Avenue.
3. ITEP Florida Avenue Shared Use Path – preliminary design was presented at BPAC's October 15th meeting
4. ITEP Bakers Lane Shared Use Path - preliminary design will be presented at BPAC's December 17th meeting. Residents and property owners will be invited to this meeting as well.
5. North Lincoln Avenue road diet from Wascher to Killarney – design is underway
6. Lincoln Avenue corridor study – recommendations were presented to City Council on November 12th and the public comment period is open until January 3rd, 2025.

G. New Business

1. BPAC Meeting Calendar 2025

Bruce Michelson motioned to approve the BPAC Meeting Calendar for 2025, Annie Adams seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous vote.

2. Elect BPAC Vice-Chair

Audrey mentioned that this should be the “acting” Vice-Chair, instead of Vice-Chair.

Annie Adams was nominated by Audrey Ishii, seconded by Susan Jones. Motion approved with a unanimous vote. Annie excepted the nomination.

3. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050, Deadline for comments: Nov. 22, 2024

At the November 12th Committee of the Whole meeting, the LRTP 2050 presentation was given by RPC. The presentation was watched by BPAC. There have been three Public Outreach phases; the third of which we are in currently. Audrey shared a link with committee members for the LRTP report to be able to look at it in its entirety.

H. Announcements

none

I. Future Topics

- a. Bruce Michelson would like to discuss the lack of a “No Turn on Red” restriction at the corner of Main and Vine going eastbound
- b. Susan Jones mentioned getting UI students bike lights in response to Qiushi's earlier concern during Commissioner Communications. Audrey suggested talking with Sarthak about this.

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.