



CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, November 21, 2023
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES

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

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

none

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. July 18, 2023 Meeting

A spelling correction of Jeff's name needed to be made; his last name is Yockey, not Jockey. With the correction notated, Daniel Saphiere motioned to approve the minutes, Bruce Michelson seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

D. Public Input

Audrey Ishii said that the resolution for MicroMobility was forwarded to City Council.

Audrey showed an article in the Wall Street Journal about tiny cars being available everywhere but the United States.

Audrey suggested to add "Commissioner Communications" item with Public Input on future agendas.

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

1. USDOT program – Thriving Communities Program. This program seeks assistance for more resources and help finding grants. The City has applied for this with the Park District & RPC.
2. Speed Display Signs – there were four speed display signs put out; two each way on N. Lincoln Ave. between Wascher Dr. & Killarney St. and two each way on E. Washington St. between S. Vine St. & Philo Rd.
3. The FY25 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is beginning early this year and will be prepared by February 2024. It will be posted for public input in early February 2024 for 30 days. After that, it will then be taken to City Council.
4. The two remaining BPAC seats will be filled on 11/27/23.
5. The E-Bike Resolution will be brought to the next CUUATS Tech Committee meeting.

F. Unfinished Business

1. BPAC FY2024 Goals – John Zeman

A survey was sent out with the 14 BPAC goals listed. Members were to rank each goal in priority order. During the discussion of the survey results, another goal was added: concern of no crosswalks on Vine St. near Fairlawn, Michigan, & Pennsylvania. One goal was also taken off of the list: micromobility resolution presented to CUUATS & Urbana City Council. It was decided to split the 14 goals into two sections, Goals for FY24 and Future Goals. The Goals for FY24 are:

- 1) Speed reduced to ranges compatible with VZ commitment
- 2) Florida Ave. & University Ave. safe and attractive for ALL users
- 3) Washington St. speed issues addressed
- 4) Vine St. issues with no crosswalks addressed (near Fairlawn, Michigan, & Pennsylvania)
- 5) City Getting Around website updated
- 6) E. Main St. resolution added to Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan addendums
- 7) Lincoln Ave. Corridor Study actively followed and reviewed

Bruce Michelson motioned that the above seven items be designated as priority action items, Sarthak Prasad seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

G. New Business

1. Urbana Park District Parks and Amenities Map – Keenan Portis

Keenan presented the Urbana Park District's interactive map and demonstrated how it is used. This map should be launched some time in 2024.

2. Urbana Park District ADA Update – Keenan Portis

Keenan shared the ADA transition plan for the Urbana Park District. UPD staff will have ADA training on 11/28/23

3. University of Illinois Sustainable Transportation Initiatives – Sarthak Prasad

Transportation Demand Management (TDM) represents & coordinates all campus modes of transportation with an emphasis on safety & sustainability. Sarthak presented the following:

- 1) an overview of the TDM plan, Campus Bike Plan Report, & TDM Achievement Report
- 2) an overview of some sustainable transportation projects on campus
- 3) bike share updates

John Zeman will publish Sarthak's presentation on the City website.

After Sarthak's presentation, Bruce Michelson motioned to extend the meeting by 10 minutes, Susan Jones seconded. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote

4. Street Lighting – Annie Adams

This was moved to future topics because of time constraints of the meeting.

H. Announcements

Annie Adams went to the Chief of Police listening session. While there she brought up traffic violence & was told that its not part of the FBI reporting data.

John Zeman said that at the 11/27/23 City Council meeting, they will be updating their goals & suggested that BPAC could send their input to the council if they would like to.

I. Future Topics

1. ADA improvement updates by Sarthak Prasad
2. consider changing time of meetings
3. add Commissioner Communications to agenda
4. 2024 meeting schedule
5. E-Bike battery safety – advocate for safety, possibly including the Fire Department

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.