



CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

MINUTES – APPROVED

Members Present: Annie Adams, Nicholas Anand, Carmen Franks, Qiushi Huang, Susan Jones, Bruce Michelson, Kevin Murphy, Keenan Portis, Sarthak Prasad, Sara Rand, Tim Friedman, Gisselle Juarez-Alquicira

Others Present: none

Members Absent: Nancy Westcott

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Annie Adams called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Roll was taken. A quorum of members was present.

B. Changes to the Agenda

Carmen Franks asked to move Florida Ave: Wright to Hillcrest Project Update from New Business to Future Topics.

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. Meeting minutes from December 16, 2025

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. Vacancies: New member introduction

Carmen said there are no vacancies now that Nicholas Anand has been appointed to BPAC. BPAC members introduced themselves to Nicholas. Nicholas introduced himself to the members and mentioned that he is a U of I student.

2. Snow Removal Updates [Carmen]

Carmen said that Public Works is using an existing contractor to remove snow that is an ADA compliance issue. This is for sidewalks not in the Snow Ordinance zone or sidewalks that are City-maintained zones. They are trying this to see if it is a cost-efficient solution.

Sara said that she has met with her City Council representative (Grace) & the City Administrator about this issue. She is worried about the City's priorities with this and will continue to bring up these concerns. Sara feels that Urbana needs to reevaluate their priorities of who is being affected by the lack of snow removal on sidewalks.

Gisselle brought up an area of concern close to the high school, around PNC Bank. Carmen will look into this area. Carmen also mentioned the Snow Angels program through Safe Routes to School where people can adopt a section of sidewalk & shovel snow from it.

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

1. Public Works Updates [Carmen]

- a. Shared Use Path projects
 - Florida Avenue Shared Use Path – no updates since last meeting.
 - Bakers Lane Shared Use Path – Construction started in the Fall but is on hold for the Winter. This will pick back up in the Spring.
- b. Roadway projects
 - Country Club Road & Perkins Road – The design includes widening the south sidewalk to a shared use path. A new sidewalk will be added on the north side between Willow Road & Cunningham. This went out to bid in October. Construction will start soon & will be completed in 2026.
 - Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study – no update since last month
 - North Lincoln Avenue project from Wascher to Killarney – SS4A grant for demonstration portion of the project. This will go from four lanes to three lanes. The project will go out to bid on March 5th and the demonstration will be complete by June 30th. There will be a public meeting to follow. The project will be bid out for construction in FY28.
 - Springfield Avenue resurfacing project – This went out for bid on February 12th and bids will be open on February 27th. Two new crosswalks & signage were added in since December's presentation on the project.
 - Florida Avenue project from Wright to Hillcrest – Carmen will give a larger overview of this project at a later date. Still working on securing federal funding.
 - Illinois & Vine Street project – Phase I design is almost complete. The design will include lane reductions, turn lane changes, and crosswalk improvements. It will also include bike lanes on Illinois Street. Phase II design will start in March.
 - Traffic Signal Improvements – This includes updates to audio devices at 14 signalized intersections. Went out to bid on February 12th; bids will be opened on February 25th.
- c. Sidewalk Improvement projects
 - TIF 4 Sidewalk Improvements – This project will be repairs to existing sidewalks on the west side of Cunningham from Kerr to Country Club Road. There was a pre-construction meeting today with Feutz. This will be completed in 2026.
- d. EQL Projects
 - EQL FY25 Program – This includes sidewalks, ramps, streetlights, & some traffic calming devices on Broadway, Kerr, and Cottage Grove. Design is underway. This is scheduled for a May letting date.
- e. Grants update – The City's grants consultant has put together a grants strategy document. This is waiting for Carmen to review it.
- f. Carmen confirmed that John Zeman [City Engineer] has put in his resignation. Annie thanked John for all he has done.

2. Bikeshare Working Group [Bruce, Keenan, Sarthak] – Review of Veo agreement recommendations

Bruce said the agreements in Urbana and Champaign with Veo are up for review. The working group has come up with the following recommendations:

- annual fee – blanket instead of permit fee
- maximum speed to be no greater than 15 MPH
- GPS-based restrictions in specific areas
- clear messaging on each Veo unit and posters on how to report Veo units found in improper places causing hazards
- give the City the opportunity to approve any substantial change in equipment (ex: 2-seaters)
- City of Urbana to work in coordination with the City of Champaign on the new agreement
- Veo to address potential ADA violations within 2 hours of it being reported
- designated parking for Veo bikes
- Veo to share data (data sharing) on a regular basis

The next step is to draft the recommendations into an agreement & have it looked at by the City attorney, City officials, & possibly City Council. It was discussed that there needs to be more details, such as what amount the fee should be. A discussion was had regarding wording and many other aspects of the recommendations.

Bruce Michelson moved that with the modifications they have made that this document go forward to Urbana City staff for upcoming negotiations with Veo, Kevin Murphy seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

3. ADA Compliance Working Group [Sara, Nancy, Carmen]

This working group met and talked mostly about snow clearing and E-bikes blocking sidewalks. They discussed for E-bikes to have calls routed more locally and have them removed within 1.5 hours. For snow clearing, they want to look at what Champaign does; Carmen is meeting with their ADA Coordinator this week.

4. Public Outreach & Advocacy Working Group [Annie, Sue, Kev]

Annie said this group discussed the following possibilities for outreach:

- an event associated with the Teen Hangout Zone
- the Rotary Club is interested in a bike giveaway with the Police Department
- build-a-bike program
- the Police are interested in doing a fix-a-bike event

A discussion followed regarding having a presence at the farmer's market.

It was also suggested that there be an event on how to ride the bus.

5. New Working Group

Carmen spoke about a new working group that she had in mind that was mentioned in a previous meeting, but the group hasn't been formed. This group would be a grants working group that would focus on potential grants that BPAC could help research.

G. New Business

1. Florida Ave: Wright to Hillcrest Project Update [Public Works]

During Changes to the Agenda, this was asked to be moved to Future Topics by Carmen.

2. Sidewalk Accessibility Concerns & Goals [Annie]

This agenda item was not discussed at all; went straight to Announcements from the last item under Reports of City Officials and Staff and Reports of Working Groups.

H. Announcements

Keenan Portis had two announcements.

1. The Park District was awarded a \$600,000 grant for the King Park construction and the construction should start next Summer.
2. The Park District is in the approval process for two grants for Weaver & Prairie parks; this is for a total of \$4 million.

Annie Adams said that she has recently signed witness slips for bills at the State level; one for lowering speed limits in residential areas and one for bikes to be considered as equals on streets.

Sarthak Prasad had two announcements:

1. Veo bikes are back.
2. The U of I has updated their bicycle ordinance, which can be found at go.illinois.edu/bikeordinance

I. Future Topics

1. Spending remaining BPAC Budget
2. Bicyclist & Pedestrian Fatalities Discussion [Sara/County Coroner Office]
3. ADA Transition Plan Update
4. Overview of Materials Used for Roadway Repairs & Resurfacing [Public Works]
5. Battery/e-bike Safety & Public Education Discussion [UFD]
6. Florida Ave: Wright to Hillcrest Project Update [Public Works]
7. Amend Bylaws to add MTD as an official partner
8. Further discussion on Bike Safety Initiative that the State has just published

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.