



CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

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

MINUTES

Members Present: Annie Adams (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Susan Jones, Audrey Ishii, Sarthak Prasad, Nancy Westcott, John Zeman (departed at 7:12 p.m.)

Others Present: none

Members Absent: Tommy Griscom, Qiushi Huang, Bruce Michelson, Keenan Portis

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Audrey Ishii called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Roll was taken.

B. Changes to the Agenda

1. Sarthak Prasad will not be presenting on UIUC Campus Bicycle Update

This topic will be moved to next month and change the item to read as U of I 2024 Campus Bicycle Masterplan Update. Sarthak did mention that this week they are working on the final draft to be ready for public input. Public input will be taken for 5 weeks. The plan is to be updated every 10 years.

**Annie Adams arrived to the meeting at 7:08 p.m.*

C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

1. April 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Corrections and revisions were made to points in sections D, E2, E3, Fc, & Hf which included additions for more detail, correction of content to make it accurate, and a street name correction.

2. July 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Corrections were made to points in sections E1 & I; both being name corrections between Annie Adams & Audrey Ishii.

John Zeman motioned to approve both sets of minutes together with revisions, Susan Jones seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

**John Zeman departed the meeting at 7:12 p.m.*

D. Public Input and Commissioner Communications

1. Annie Adams rode her bike to the Kickapoo Rail Trail this past weekend & cars were behaving badly (speeding, etc). She brought up that maybe there is something that BPAC could do to figure out how to make the route to the trail safer for pedestrians. The area of most concern is where there is no bike lane. Suggestions were for a road diet or changing signage. Nancy said this is another good reason for license plate readers.

2. Nancy Westcott mentioned a news story that she saw the previous night regarding John Street in Champaign where a wide middle strip was being put in (painted) for bicyclists.
3. Audrey Ishii received a suggestion to fix the timing at Windsor & Race for a longer period to cross. It was discussed that this could be a possible future agenda item.

E. Unfinished Business

1. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Discussion – Annie Adams

Annie thanked Nancy Westcott, Bruce Michelson, & Audrey Ishii for their help in writing the letter to the Mayor & City Council. Annie read through the letter. After some discussion, #5 (Test: Washington Bikeway) under examples will be taken out of the letter.

Sarthak suggested including the intersections of Vine & Pennsylvania and Vine & Michigan under examples.

2. UIUC Campus Bicycle Update – Sarthak Prasad

During Changes to the Agenda, this item was moved to next month's meeting and the item will be changed to read as U of I 2024 Campus Bicycle Masterplan Update.

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

none

G. New Business

none

H. Announcements

a. Sarthak Prasad had several announcements:

- (1) This week is U of I move-in week, with students starting back next week.
- (2) Bike to Work Day is September 18th from 7-10 am, with a rain date of September 20th.
- (3) Light the Night bike light giveaway is September 19th, with a rain date of September 24th.
- (4) Parking Day is September 20th.
- (5) The installation of Eco Counters continues on campus. All bike & pedestrian data is published monthly & is available.
- (6) Bird Bikeshare is here with 500 bikes. This is in addition to the 750 Veo bikes.
- (7) As part of the Abandoned Bicycles Project, 260 bikes were removed this year & they are now in the process of returning some.

b. Susan Jones said that Parkland students started back this week.

I. Future Topics

1. U of I 2024 Campus Bicycle Masterplan Update – Sarthak Prasad
2. Timing at Windsor & Race intersection - possible item mentioned by Audrey Ishii

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.