



CITY OF URBANA BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 21, 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, Daniel Saphiere, Nancy Westcott

Others Present: none

Members Absent: Audrey Ishii, John Zeman

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Daniel Saphiere 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

none

D. Public Input and Commissioner Communications

1. Susan Jones said Audrey Ishii and Charlie Smyth are on a bike tour to D.C.
2. Annie Adams said that she will be presenting the Sage Trail to the Arts Commission.
3. Keenan Portis said that construction will begin in 2025 for a bike trail by Weaver Park.

E. Unfinished Business

1. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Discussion – Audrey Ishii (Tommy Griscom presented in Audrey's absence)

Some funding has been received for Lincoln Avenue and they are hoping for more.

The actions taken so far are a sub-committee has been established and they have drafted a letter to the Mayor & City Council to support Public Works to apply for the SS4A grant.

Some ideas that have been discussed so far are creating an Urbana Vision Zero Action Plan and possibility of demonstration projects such as a speed study and temporary infrastructure.

After some discussion, it was decided to submit the letter to City Council with some edits. Bruce Michelson motioned to consider edits to this document for the next regularly scheduled BPAC meeting, Sarthak prasad seconded. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

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

On behalf of John Zeman, Daniel Saphiere gave the below updates:

- a. After consulting with RPC, the City of Urbana Public Works Department decided not to apply this year for the SS4A grant, but will plan to next year.
- b. John had a design kickoff meeting on May 10th for two ITEP projects:
 - (1) The design for the Florida Avenue shared use path will be complete in March 2025.
 - (2) There are no dates for the Bakers Lane shared use path.
- c. Updates on some Equity & Quality of Life projects were also given:
 - (1) The sidewalk construction package is out for bid and bid opening will be on May 28th.
 - (2) The streetlight construction bid will go out sometime in June.
 - (3) Cunningham Avenue TIF projects are out for bid and bid opening will be on May 22nd.

G. New Business

1. Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study Discussion – Tommy Griscom

Tommy presented on the Lincoln Avenue Corridor Study for the area of Florida Avenue to Green Street. This corridor was recognized as one of the more dangerous corridors in the city. Two public outreach events have been completed. Tommy went over several potential interventions. Tommy will reach out to RPC to see if they would like to come to a future BPAC meeting to talk about their ideas.

H. Announcements

- a. Daniel mentioned that there will be a Smart Cycling class for adults on June 1st at MTD.
- b. Susan mentioned that the Prairie Cycle Club will have a Bike to Build ride that starts at the Gibson City Hospital on June 1st.
- c. Sarthak announced several upcoming items:
 - (1) The north sidewalk on Peabody Drive between First and Fourth will be made ADA compliant over the summer.
 - (2) The north sidewalk on Gregory Drive between Fourth and Sixth will be made ADA compliant over the summer.
 - (3) The remaining eco-counters will hopefully be installed over the summer.
 - (4) The end of year bicycle roundup is coming up.
- d. Tommy announced that CU Urbanism book club is meeting on June 2nd at 2 p.m.

I. Future Topics

1. letter for City Council regarding the SS4A grant
2. campus Bicycle update
3. conversation with the Fire Department at their convenience
4. have RPC come to talk about the Lincoln Corridor Study as it progresses

J. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.