
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: City Council Chambers, City of Urbana, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL

Members Present: Gary Cziko, Morgan Johnston, Brandon Bowersox, Susan Jones, Barak Rosenshine, Bryan Lake, Dana Mancuso, Audrey Ishii, Michelle Guerra

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Selby

Absent: Gary Engelgau

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Brandon Bowersox called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Brandon Bowersox introduced our newest member, Michelle Guerra. She works at the University of Illinois as the Director of the Wellness Center. Roll call was taken by verbal record and a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Agenda

Agenda for February 15, 2011 was approved by Dana Mancuso and seconded by Morgan Johnston, upon verbal voice vote the motion carried to approve the agenda.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the December 14, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Gary Cziko made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Morgan Johnston to approve the minutes from December and upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Input

Danny Otto, 405 W Illinois. He is concerned about sidewalk snow removal. He believes that the Public Works Department is creating a severe situation and pedestrian safety issue by plowing the snow onto the sidewalks and not clearing the sidewalks, even days later. He believes that the Mayor should give a directive to the Public Works Department to address this issue. He understands that money is an issue but he suggested that the Public Works Department hire temporary workers to clear the sidewalk.

Brandon Bowersox informed him that the Mayor is interested in this topic. Jennifer Selby added that the Neighborhood Safety Task Force met in February and it is believed that they discussed snow removal for certain areas including: arterials; businesses; and Safe Routes to School area. Dana Mancuso asked how much it costs the city to plow the streets per mile and Brandon Bowersox suggested this be a topic for the next meeting. Brandon Bowersox will also follow up with the Mayor.

VI. New Business

A. City of Champaign New Street Standards – Lorrie Pearson

Lorrie is the Land Development Director for the City of Champaign. Currently the City of Champaign is revising their street design standards. Three years ago they adopted a new transportation plan. This update is for new streets and new subdivisions only. Types of revisions include: revise sidewalk requirements from four feet to five feet; add bicycle accommodations; reduce required pavement width; create new street types; and create new alternatives for certain street types. Discussion ensued.

Refer to “Champaign Moving Forward” as a guide. <http://ci.champaign.il.us/departments/planning/long-range-planning/champaign-moving-forward-transportation-master-plan/>

Brandon Bowersox asked Rebecca Bird if the City of Urbana is working on updating our street standards and she said that the Planning department and Engineering department are working together to review City of Champaign plans. BPAC would like to know when Urbana plans on implementing this update.

B. 20’s Plenty for Us – Gary Cziko

<http://20splentyforus.org.uk>

Gary Cziko would like for the City of Urbana to adopt a policy of 20 mph speed limit on local residential streets. Morgan Johnston added that the Orchard Downs subdivision speed limit has been changed to 20 mph. Discussion ensued after the presentation.

C. Parking Impacts of Bicycle Master Plan – Jennifer Selby

Jennifer Selby reviewed the streets that are going to be affected by parking removal which include: Bradley Avenue; Fairview Avenue; Amber Lane; Broadway Avenue; Kinch Street; and Florida Avenue. The city will be removing 394 parking spots to make way for bicycle lanes.

Bradley Avenue: West City Limit to Lincoln Avenue – There are no immediate plans for this parking removal. The installation of bike lanes in Urbana is dependent on Champaign doing a road diet and installing bike lanes. It is not expected that this would occur within the next 5 years.

Jennifer Selby had to leave the meeting so the topic was tabled until next month.

VI. Old Business

No old business

VII. Announcements

The next meeting for BPAC will be Tuesday March 15, 2011

Adjournment

Brandon Bowersox adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
This meeting was recorded