

1 **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)**

2 *Meeting Minutes*

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4 **Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019**

5 **Time: 7:00 p.m.**

6 **Place: Executive Conference Room, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL**

7 **Members Present:** Bill Brown (Chair), Annie Adams, Leonardo Covis, Kara Dudek, Audrey
8 Ishii, Susan Jones, Jeff Marino, Craig Shonkwiler, Nancy Westcott

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10 **Staff Present:** Charlie Smyth, Kevin Garcia

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12 **Members Absent:** Cynthia Hoyle, Morgan White

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14 **Others Present:** None

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17 **1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

18 Bill Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum of members was
19 present.

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21 **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

22 The agenda was approved.

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24 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

25 The minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting were presented.

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27 Susan Jones moved to approve the minutes as amended.

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29 Nancy Westcott seconded the motion.

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31 The Commission approved the minutes from the January meeting.

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33 **4. PUBLIC INPUT**

34 There was no public input.

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36 **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

37 **a. 2018 Annual Report – Annual Report Subcommittee**

38 Bill Brown shared a draft of the report put together by the subcommittee. Jeff Marino suggested adding a
39 sentence about the goal being to identify branding for the various trails in town. Craig Shonkwiler will send
40 pictures of decals that still need to be added along with the bike box education videos. Bill will make the
41 corrections and finalize the report.

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43 Jeff Marino moved to approve the 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission Annual Report with
44 the suggested changes, and forward it to City Council.

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46 Leonardo Covis seconded the motion.

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1 The motion carried.

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b. Vision Zero – Audrey Ishii

4 Audrey Ishii presented information about Vision Zero efforts in other cities and statistics specific to the
5 City of Urbana.

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7 Audrey suggested that Vision Zero provides a branding and awareness opportunity for cities that are
8 already doing the right thing.

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10 Annie Adams said that we should be building streets that are equitable for all users. Whether someone is
11 walking or biking or driving a vehicle that street is created for all users and all users should be able to use
12 it. Annie believes Vision Zero will increase equitability.

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14 Bill Brown asked if there was any information on distracted drivers or distracted pedestrians. Audrey said
15 yes, they do include that in the report about speeding. She also stated that nearly half of pedestrians—about
16 40% are impaired.

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18 Craig Shonkwiler said that the Sun Belt came out with high rates of pedestrian deaths.

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20 Jeff Marino asked for clarification on if Vision Zero is a program or designation from another group.
21 Audrey explained that there is a group called the Vision Zero Network that essentially certifies or
22 designates a community as Vision Zero. Annie Adams said that Vision Zero is a systems approach over
23 many years and has been effective in New York City in reducing pedestrian death rates.

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25 Craig asked if there is any data as far as when the cities implemented Vision Zero and how statistics for
26 death rates or crash rates have changed since. Audrey said she doesn't think they've done that kind of
27 analysis because compliance is up to individual cities. Different cities have done different case studies.

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29 Jeff asked if we are working towards adopting a resolution for Vision Zero or are we going to have a study
30 session and pick it up at a later date. Bill said it is up to the committee. He said there has been a hesitation
31 in the past to adopt something that will take up staff time. Bill suggested creating a 3 person committee to
32 discuss what our approach should be and the next steps. He observed that resolutions are how government
33 talks to each other, and a committee can provide example resolutions and a draft to BPAC.

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35 Craig Shonkweiler noted that he takes his direction from the City Administrator. He also stated that he is
36 part of a RPC-headed regional safety committee.

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38 Jeff Marino moved to create a vision zero committee comprised of Audrey Ishii, Jeff Marino and Cynthia
39 Hoyle and come back in a couple of months with suggestions on how we should proceed.

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41 Susan Jones seconded the motion.

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43 Craig Shonkwiler abstained due to this potentially having an impact on staff time.

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45 The motion carried.

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1 **6. NEW BUSINESS**

2 **a. Bike Parking – Annie Adams**

3 Annie Adams presented information about art bike racks.

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5 Bill Brown asked what the cost for the racks in Edgewater were. Annie did not know.

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7 Leonardo Covis asked if there were any suggestions how people should know something is a bike rack and
8 not just art. Annie said it is generally determined by placement. They are usually near the curb.

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10 Bill Brown said the City has about 30 bike racks in storage. Some of them may already have placement
11 planned, but some do not. If anyone has suggestions about where they should go, please let him know.

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13 Annie asked if there is any desire to present art bike racks to an arts commission or other organizations. Bill
14 said yes.

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16 Jeff Marino asked if they city allows art bike racks on private property. Kevin Garcia shared rules and
17 requirements the city has for bike racks. He said if an art rack met the performance criteria it could be done.

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19 **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

20 Craig Shonkwiler announced that the City of Urbana was recognized by Chaddick Institute as one of the top
21 5 communities outside of the Chicagoland Metropolitan area for promoting non-motorized traffic.

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23 Craig Shonkwiler gave an update on University Avenue work.

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25 **8. FUTURE TOPICS**

26 **a. Bicycle Wayfinding Plan – Regional Planning Commission**

27 **b. Pedestrian Master Plan – Regional Planning Commission**

28 **c. Subdivision Development Requirements for the Installation of Bicycle and Pedestrian**
29 **Facilities**

30 **d. Crystal Lake Park One-Way Road Study – Kara Dudek**

31 **e. Bicycle Friendly Community Report Card – Craig Shonkwiler**

32 **f. Expansion of Sidewalk Shoveling Zones – Bill Brown**

33 **g. Lincoln and Springfield Resurfacing Project – Craig Shonkwiler**

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35 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

36 The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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39 Respectfully submitted,

40 Tamra Jane Corbin

41 Recording Secretary

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