

Meeting Minutes
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC)

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Present: Brandon Bowersox-Johnson, Karie Brown-Tess, Audrey Ishii, Susan Jones, Nadine Schmitz,

Staff Present: Craig Shonkwiler, Jeff Engstrom, Kevin Garcia, Scott Tess

Others Present: Roland White (proxy for UIUC representative)

Members Absent: Michelle Guerra, Cynthia Hoyle

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

Bowersox-Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and roll call was taken verbally. There was a quorum present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Schmitz moved to approve the agenda; Jones seconded, and the agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Ishii moved to approve the minutes; Shonkwiler seconded, and the minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was none.

5. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Urbana Climate Action Plan – Scott Tess

Scott Tess, Environmental Manager for the City of Urbana, presented information on Phase II of the Urbana Climate Action Plan. He explained that he was seeking input from

BPAC on some specific action items which are germane to the commission. Specifically, Goal Area 2, Actions, 2 and 3, which aim to decrease single occupancy vehicle mode share to 40 percent and to increase bicycle mode share to 12 percent, respectively. The Commission discussed these goals at length; Shonkwiler suggested changing the bicycle mode share goal to reflect an increase *by* a percentage instead of *to* a percentage to more closely correspond to the Bicycle Master Plan. Bowersox-Johnson suggested adding goals for proceeding with pedestrian planning efforts and increasing collaboration with the University of Illinois. Tess said that the plan would be reviewed next by the Urbana Plan Commission, and then presented to City Council by the end of the calendar year.

b) Champaign County Greenways and Trails Plan – Jeff Engstrom

Engstrom presented information on the Champaign County Greenways and Trails Plan, which outlines the development of off-street trails and greenways throughout the county. He explained that the plan gives a very general overview of trails for the State to review; he said the Bicycle Master Plan will supersede this plan for City planning and reference purposes. Jones said she would like trail connections to other cities and communities to be more closely examined. Bowersox said he would like to see the plan amended to more closely match the latest Bicycle Master Plan draft. Shonkwiler said he would discuss with the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission how to incorporate updates into the plan. White suggested using GIS mapping to accomplish this.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jeff Yockey, president of Champaign County Bikes, announced a Kickapoo Rail Trail ride would take place on September 20, 2014. He also announced an SRTS bike rodeo would take place on September 27, 2014. He announced that Champaign County Bikes and the University of Illinois would be conducting a bike census on October 15, 2014. He also said that the 2015 Champaign County bike maps were being printed and would be available by September 18, 2014.
- Kevin Garcia introduced himself as the Community Development representative for the Commission, and he reported that 700 lights had been distributed at the Light the Night events the previous week.
- Shonkwiler announced a joint meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission, the Sustainability Advisory Commission, and the Urbana Plan Commission would take place on October 30, 2014 to review the Long Range Transportation Plan. He also said the Bicycle Master Plan would tentatively be reviewed by BPAC in November.

8. FUTURE TOPICS

There were no future topics to discuss.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Bowersox-Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Femi Fletcher-Washington, Recording Secretary