

**CITY OF WARRENVILLE
BICYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Access Information: 1 (571) 317-3122; Access Code: 505-183-901

Persons wishing to provide public comment were strongly encouraged to submit written comments via email at kyoungmeyer@warrenville.il.us

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sugrue called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and read a statement regarding the Open Meetings Act and the authority to hold public meetings with remote attendance.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Jerry Sugrue, Davis (at City Hall); Commissioners Charles Sikaras, Kirk Tate (remotely)

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Staff Liaison Kristin Youngmeyer (at City Hall); Alderman Bill Weidner (remotely)

Guests: Senior Civil Engineer Kristine Hocking, and Deputy Public Works Director Phil Kuchler (remotely)

C. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the September 1, 2020 meeting by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Sikaras.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Commissioners Davis, Sikaras, Sugrue, and Tate.

Nays: None.

MOTION ADOPTED.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizen comments were made.

E. STAFF REPORT

Commissioner Kate Perkins resigned from her BPAC seat after serving for six years, saying she felt it is time for to move on and let others have a chance to improve cycling/walking in Warrenville. In her time, Warrenville was twice recognized as a Bike Friendly City by the League of American Bicyclists. She also helped start Bike/Walk to School Day in Warrenville, assisted in planning and production of the Bike Rodeo and National Night Out, and provided comment on many pro biking/walking City plans and proposals.

Mayor Brummel will be recommending Phillip Ebbesen to be BPAC's new commissioner. His recommendation will be on the October 19, 2020 City Council meeting agenda for approval.

Liaison Youngmeyer also informed BPAC that the City was proposing a Route 59 multi-use paths project and was putting together an application for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), and asked BPAC if they would submit a letter of support. The project was for the highest priority segment on the Route 59 corridor according to Addendum No. 1 of the Bikeway Implementation Plan that BPAC had supported and City Council adopted in 2016. Liaison Youngmeyer said she would send BPAC commissioners information regarding the location and correspondence between the City and IDOT concerning accidents along this corridor.

Commissioner Tate asked have there been any proposals submitted yet related to the project. He wanted clarification on the project's status. Hocking replied this is still in the very early planning stages. The first phase, preliminary engineering, has not started, and is tentatively scheduled to start at the end of 2021.

Commissioner Davis made a motion for Liaison Youngmeyer to draft a letter of support from BPAC for the project, send to BPAC to review, and submit to Kristine Hocking to be included with the application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tate.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Commissioners Davis, Sikaras, Sugrue, and Tate.

Nays: None.

MOTION ADOPTED.

Liaison Youngmeyer also let BPAC know a public information meeting was scheduled on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 between 7-9 pm at City Hall Chambers for the Mack Road Bridge Reconstruction and Bike Path project along Mack Road from Route 59 to McKee Marsh. Due to interest and requests, this meeting could be virtually attended or viewed at a later time. It was suggested to email questions or comments ahead of time, as space at City Council Chambers is limited due to set up.

F. BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. Discussion of Citizens Comments on Mack Road Path

Senior Civil Engineer Kristine Hocking gave an overview on the history on the Mack Road multi-use path project. In 2015, the City obtained State Transportation (STP) funding. The City hired Engineering Resource Associates (ERA) to prepare the preliminary engineering design, environmental studies, preliminary plans and public coordination for this project. ERA worked with the City, Forest Preserve and Township staff to

consider various three (3) alternative trail configurations. Upon review and analysis of path alternatives, it was determined that a path on the north side trail was the safest and most cost effective. Background information on the project and analysis was provided to BPAC. At the April 12, 2017 meeting, BPAC held an extended discussion as to each proposed alternative, its components and configuration, and any major hurdles in the implementation of each alternative. BPAC was unanimous in their recommendation for Alternative 3.

Commissioner Sikaras, asked for clarity on BPAC's role or responsibility in this project. Alderman Weidner responded City Council and/or City staff would contact BPAC if there is a need for further action.

2. Ride Illinois Summit – Report from Commissioners

Commissioners did not have any specifics to report on the Ride Illinois Summit.

3. Review and Update BPAC Related Information on City Website

Alderman Weidner had completed research looking at other governments' websites, and went through a list of ideas he noted that would be worth consideration. Ideas are shared in Attachment A.

4. Electronic Sign

Commissioner Sikaras submitted another proposed message for the electronic sign at the corner of Butterfield and Batavia related to encouraging trail users to keep it clean and treat it with pride. The drafted message will be added to a future BPAC meeting for further discussion.

5. Bike Friendly Community Awareness

There were no comments on additional efforts on awareness.

6. Safety Concerns

Liaison Youngmeyer gave an update on the bike accident Commissioner Perkins had noted at a previous meeting. The Warrenville Fire Protection District noted the location of the accident, which is the part of the Prairie Path that goes under Route 59, had uneven terrain and standing water that contributed to the accident.

Commissioner Sikaras reported that as an individual resident, representing himself, he sent a letter on his safety concerns on the pedestrian crossings at the I-88 west and east bound exit ramps. The area of concern is along a county road and tollway, outside of the City's jurisdiction. He will let BPAC know when he hears back on his concerns and suggestions to install signs that caution drivers to look and yield for pedestrians.

7. 2021 Work Plan

Liaison Youngmeyer reminded Commissioners that the annual work plans will need to be discussed at November's meeting to prepare for December to submit to City Council.

8. Annual Report

Liaison Youngmeyer reminded Commissioners that the annual report will need to be discussed at November's meeting to prepare for December to submit to City Council.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS

Commissioner Sikaras asked if there were efforts to recognize and thank commissioners at the end of their service, such as sending a letter of thanks. Alderman Weidner recommended to ask the Mayor. Liaison Youngmeyer mentioned the City was planning a recognition dinner in the spring for volunteers, but had to cancel the event because of the pandemic.

Commissioner Davis and Sikaras both requested putting wayfinding at Jefferson and 2nd Street on the November meeting for discussion.

Commissioner Sikaras asked for clarification on guidelines in communication with other commissioners in between meetings. Liaison Youngmeyer said she would look into it and clarify at the next meeting.

H. ADJOURN

Commissioner Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., Commissioner Tate seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Aye: Chairperson Sugrue, Commissioners Davis, Tate and Sikaras.

Nay: None.

MOTION CARRIED