

**CITY OF WARRENVILLE
BICYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
Warrenville City Hall Council Chambers
28W701 Stafford Place
Warrenville, IL 60555**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Commissioners Harlan Davis (Chair), Phil Ebbesen, Mark Kasprzyk, Charles Sikaras, and Kirk Tate. All here

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: City Council Liaison Alderman Clare Barry, and Staff Liaison Kristin Youngmeyer.

C. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 9, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting by Commissioner Kasprzyk, seconded by Commissioner Ebbesen.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Davis, Ebbesen, Kasprzyk, Sikaras, and Tate.

Nays: None.

MOTION ADOPTED.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Steve Lewis, Warrenville resident and President of Summerlakes Homeowners Association, had concerns for pedestrians and motorists that use Continental Drive around Johnson Elementary, especially during the week when the school day is starting and letting out, noting the following:

- Snow removal procedure and duration in Summerlakes, to clarify routes that are available to students who walk to school.
- Cars park on both sides of Continental Drive, and this makes the area congested during school hours, especially at the start and end of the day. Parking around the school results in tight spacing for vehicles to pass and turn in and out of the Johnson parking lot.

Staff Liaison Youngmeyer will review parking restrictions on Continental Drive. Alderman Barry encouraged Mr. Lewis to call the police if vehicles are parked illegally.

- Mr. Lewis recommended placing a bike path on the west side of Shaw that would travel down to the park district buildings rather than the one on Route 59, believing this provides a safer route.

Chair Davis clarified that the proposed path on Route 59 was chosen because it would support neighboring businesses.

E. BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. Discussion of Planning for the 2022 Bike Rodeo

Liaison Youngmeyer and Chair Davis reviewed key points of the Bike Rodeo event, and noted the following:

Date: Usually the 3rd week of May (May 21st), typically in the morning between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Commission agreed to date. There was discussion to consider having the event end at 11:00 a.m., as in the past, this is when attendance seemed to wane.

Goal of Bike Rodeo: To teach bike safety to kids. Kids can ride through the safety course and refine their safety skills. Participants are awarded with a certificate and photograph with the mayor. Other activities include a bike helmet check, bike check-up for families and kids, and ability to register a bike with the police department.

Location: Agreement that alternative sites should be investigated that include those west of Route 59, and there was discussion to specifically look into Johnson Elementary, Bower Elementary, and Hubble Middle School as potential locations. It was agreed that this should be a business item to discuss for 2023. There was discussion that the site near City Hall felt small for the safety course.

Resident Lewis noted that if interested, BPAC could have a table at the Summerlakes picnic on the third Sunday of July, to hold a mini rodeo event and distribute safety related information, and resources.

Budget: Budget is \$2,200, which includes last year's amount plus a little extra for a BPAC banner to advertise for future events. Commissioner Tate suggested that the volunteer t-shirts could be used for multiple years to save money.

Safety Gear: Safety gear was recommended as a giveaway item for participants, to put more focus on encouraging bike safety. Also, the cost to purchase safety equipment would likely be less expensive than a bike, and therefore more participants would be able to benefit. Items being considered for safety gear include, but are not limited to, bells, bike lights, head lights, high visibility vests, flags, first aid kits, and water bottles. Commissioner Tate noted that commissioners support getting enough giveaway items so that all participants could receive something. Chair Davis concurred and

suggested 100 items would be a good number to order, and if there were left overs, those items could be offered at another event. Chair Davis also volunteered to research safety equipment. Liaison Alderman Barry knows of a company that makes reflective vests and will research their pricing and if they make children's sizes. Liaison Youngmeyer had pricing from the local bike shop, Recycled Cycling, and would share information at the next meeting.

Fliers/Handouts: Commissioner Sikaras will reached out to Illinois Department of Transportation and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning to get their updated brochures. He will also follow up with the Illinois Secretary of State office to get copies of the most recent literature regarding Illinois bicycle rules of the road. Liaison Youngmeyer will forward Commissioner Sikaras her contact at the DuPage County Forest Preserve to see if they have any brochures.

Signage: The bike rodeo safety course for the event needs to be improved. Current course signs are constructed of corrugated plaster and did not hold up to the wind at the last event. Liaison Alderman Barry knows a signage company she uses for work and will get pricing for more permanent signage.

2. Discussion on Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety on Batavia Road

Commissioners decided to table the discussion, indefinitely, since there did not appear to be a rise in pedestrian accidents along Warrenville Road based on police data. In addition, several commissioners believed that lowering the traffic speeds on Warrenville Road from 35 mph to 30 mph would not significantly improve pedestrian safety.

F. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

G. ADJOURN

Commissioner Sikaras made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m., Commissioner Kirk Tate seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Aye: Davis, Ebbesen, Kasprzyk, Sikaras, and Tate.

Nays: None.

MOTION ADOPTED.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Commissioner Kasprzyk*