

**CITY OF WARRENVILLE
BICYCLIST AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
Warrenville City Hall Council Chambers
28W701 Stafford Place
Warrenville, IL 60555MINUTES**

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), Susan Kasprowicz, Mark Kasprzyk, Charles Sikaras, and Kirk Tate.

Also Present: City Council Liaison Alderman Craig Kruckenberg, Staff Liaison Kristin Youngmeyer, and Park District staff Matt Odom.

C. APPROVAL OF MAY 9, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting was made by Commissioner Sikaras and seconded by Commissioner Kasprzyk.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION ADOPTED.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Warrenville resident Cecilia Gerber, had contact BPAC staff liaison on a concern regarding safety for bicyclists at Winfield Road and Butterfield Road intersections. The citizen comment was shared with staff at the DuPage County Department of Transportation, and the Illinois Department of Transportation. Full comments can be found attached to the minutes.

E. STAFF REPORT

Liaison Youngmeyer reported that City staff is preparing and planning for a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the Trailhead project, which is tentatively to be held at the end of July. When Liaison Youngmeyer has more information she said she will share it with BPAC members.

F. BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. Bike Rodeo 2023

BPAC commissioners debriefed the 2023 Bike Rodeo, identifying what went well, what to consider changing, and what other considerations should be made regarding the event. A summary of discussion can be found attached to the minutes. Commissioners wanted to start planning for the event at the next BPAC meeting.

2. **Fall Trail Clean up Event**

Commissioners discussed logistics of the event, and decided to plan holding the event on Sunday, October 8th, from 9:00 am to 11:00 a.m. Commissioners also decided that cleanup route would start at Leone Schmidt Heritage Park, near the Warren Tavern and the Warrenville Historical Society City Museum, and then run south along the West Branch DuPage River Trail to Ferry Road, go east to Winfield Road, and then go north on Winfield Road to Warrenville Road, and back up to the starting point.

3. **National Night Out Participation**

BPAC commissioners decided to promote the fall trail clean up, provide postcards on BPAC, and disseminate t-shirts, bells, sunglasses, and educational material that is left over from the 2023 Bike Rodeo.

Commissioner Kasprovicz said she could attend for the duration of the event. Commissioner Davis said he could attend the event from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

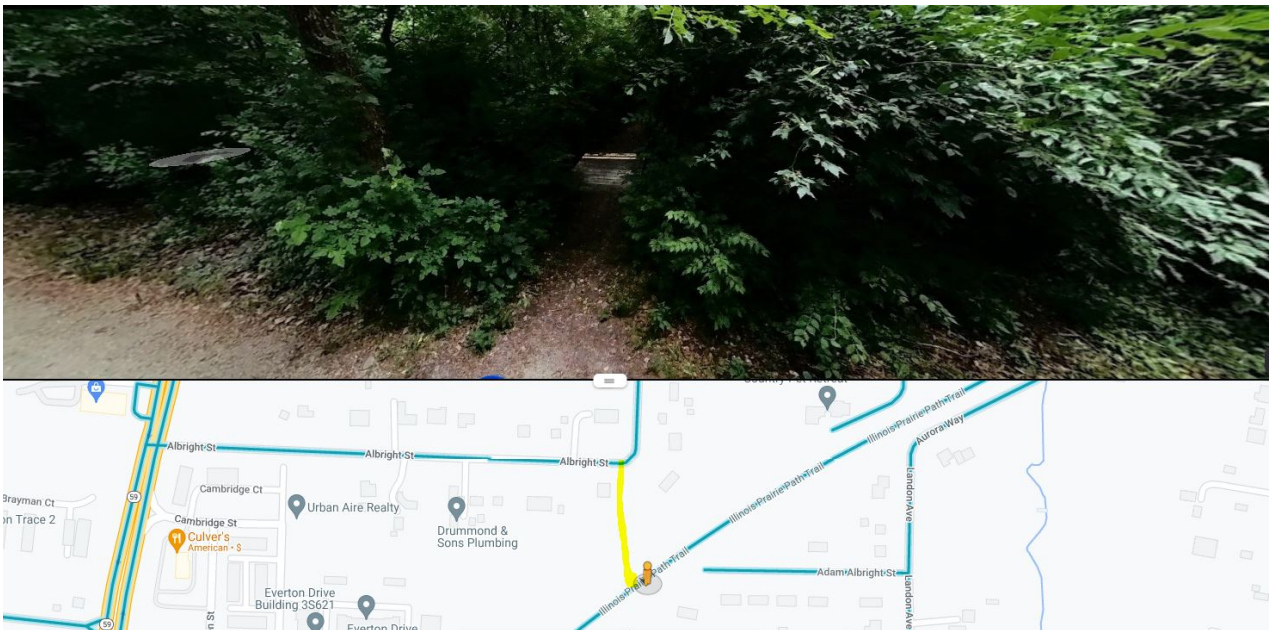
For the event funds, there was discussion to look into signage or table cloth that help identify BPAC.

4. **Review of Action Items**

BPAC decided to table Commissioner Sikaras' proposal to create an annual recognition award. Commissioner Tate expressed that he felt the group needed to improve the ability to engagement of the community overall. Staff feedback and questions were noted.

G. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Davis noted a location where a unmaintained path to the Illinois Prairie Path, along Albright Street, where it curves north and west, between IL Route 59 and Butterfield Road (see image below).



Commissioner Sikaras expressed concern with the prospect of the Chicago Bears Football organization meeting with the Mayor of Naperville and how a stadium would impact the Community of Warrenville.

H. ADJOURN

Commissioner Sikaras mad a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Commissioner Kasprzyk seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,

BPAC Commissioners Davis, Kasprowicz, Kasprzyk, Sikaras, and Tate.

Bike Rodeo Reflection - Feedback and Suggestions

2023 Event Feedback
<p>BPAC Commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pros:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ May not have had the largest audience, but children and parents seemed happy/pleased, did not see anyone dissatisfied○ City Agency Involvement.○ Mayor Brummel's participation. Parents love the opportunity to get a photo with the Mayor.○ Local Business Involvement/Donations/ all the free gifts (shirts, bells, food coupons, educational items)○ Overall, it seemed like a very nice event and I enjoyed the learning opportunity.○ Event well organized• Cons/ Things to Consider Changing<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Timing of Event- Lots of Competition○ Safety Course<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Solidify signs/Weighted signs, the constant blowing over was very trying- Some children went through the course multiple times, and there were some near collisions. Perhaps it would help to limit the course run to a predetermined number of times○ Marketing/ Promo<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Promote earlier - Particularly to Elem. Schools- Consider having a commissioner do an in-person presentation at school- Keep a tabulation of who is contacted, when(date) and how (email/call/in-person announcement, flyer, e-flyer)- For regular supporters (Recycled Cycling, Dairy Queen, Toro Loco, etc., include logo in marketing, have a sign/poster at event)○ Lack of Outside Volunteers○ BPAC table – get organizers, such as plastic drawers to prevent paper from flying around if windy
<p>Fire District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (From Chief) Sorry I wasn't able to be there this year. It looked like a great event!!! I did ask Lt. Vaughn to provide any feedback from the event if he had any. Likewise, if you have any feedback for the FD or would like to see anything different please let us know.
<p>Northwest Medicine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank you for having Northwestern Medicine be a part of your bike rodeo! I had a wonderful time and enjoyed helping and educating the children and adults on how to wear their helmets properly. Everything seemed to go really well and the children seemed to have a blast riding their bikes. I hope to see you guys next year!
<p>Police Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great event each year and I am glad to help.• Setting up a bicycle course at NNO would be a great idea for possibly next year. We are limited on space to have a course, however. It would take some moving around of a few things to accomplish.
<p>Recycled Cycling Feedback/Suggestion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It is not surprising to hear that attendance is down from three ago. In the height of COVID there seemed to be an excitement for anything bicycle related which has subsided. That being said, I have seen Wheaton BPAC and a few others starting to organize events like community group bike rides. I would love to see a group bike ride for seniors and another for kids. There

From: Cecilia Gerber
To: Youngmeyer, Kristin
Subject: Citizen comments for the Warrenville BPAC
Date: Sunday, June 4, 2023

Hello,

I am afraid I will be unable to attend the upcoming commission meeting on June 13th and was hoping you could share my email as a citizen comment for the commission's consideration.

I am a recreational biker regularly using the prairie path and the bike path north of Butterfield Rd. to do a loop from my home on Pattermann Rd, to St. James Farm and back. I typically ride on Saturday and Sunday mornings, when the prairie path is very busy. Hardly a trip goes by without a near collision incident between drivers and bikes in the intersection of Winfield and Butterfield Rd. I understand that the burden is on the bikers to make eye contact with the cars before crossing, even if the bikes have a green light. However, the cars typically stop on top of the pedestrian crossing as they check if they can turn on red. Such right on red turns are allowed but it means that bikes getting to the intersection with green light, risk being hit while they navigate in front the cars that are not paying attention to their "right" side but only to car traffic from their left.

I am writing to you to urge you to place seasonal signs that either state "no turn on red" or at least "no turn on red when pedestrians and bicycles are present", with a reminder to watch both sides before turning.

Another intervention that in my opinion would reduce the risk is to have the pedestrian lights turn green even when they are not "requested" by pressing the button. Many times bikes make it to the intersection at the same time the cars going in their direction get a green light. Even if you press the button right then, you need to wait an entire cycle. And most bicyclists are not that patient.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Cecilia Gerber

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2023 Event Feedback
<p>are a number of senior homes in our area and they have a lot of bike riders in them. Many of these seniors are not familiar with the trail system and are scared to venture down a trail they don't know.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would be happy to discuss more thoughts and ideas to grow Warrenville's BPAC reach.
<p>Toro Loco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I absolutely loved being a part of the Bike Rodeo. I would love to be a part of other events.
<p>Warrenville Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was a nice day. We lucked out with the weather. • Comment/advice: If you're looking to attract people besides kids (maybe you're not), have an activity/organization geared at bike clubs or maybe the Forest Preserve for trail info.
<p>Warrenville Park District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felt it was steadily busy • Registration went smoothly • Thought raffle process was good • Course was good (other than where Recycled Cycling was located) • Liked that tables – both • Advertise giveaways

Feedback from Prior Years
<p>Bike Safety Course Suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify the skill or challenge for each station. For example – at the railroad tracks, the course rider could practice stopping, dismounting, looking both ways, and either riding at a diagonal across tracks or walking bike across/past the tracks; at the figure 8 challenge, encourage the rider to try to not put their feet on the ground to practice control with turns
<p>Bike Raffle Drawing Process Suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify process of who is eligible, how names are submitted, and how names are drawn. • Use the Park's tumbler (one of those devices that has a crank that can turn the drum container, and has an opening to drop entrants). • Use the perforated tickets that have numbers instead of the names on sheets to help ensure a random process, and they are premade to eliminate a preparation step. • Have participants submit raffle entry after they complete the bike safety course
<p>Give-a-way Suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items that support safe riding (bells, hi-visibility t-shirts, bike lights to help motorists/ otherbicyclists/ pedestrians see the bicyclists, bike lights similar to headlights that help the bicyclist see at night, bike flags for kids bikes, first aid kits, bike repair items, water bottle holders, bike baskets, etc.) • If a bike is given away, in the past there has been discussion of size. Typically, kids bikes have been given away, but one year an adult bike was given away. With the rodeo happening near Mother's day, the thought was to have an opportunity for mom to get a new bike.

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Feedback from Prior Years
<p>Location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggestion from a volunteer in 2021: While it is convenient to host the Rodeo in its current place, could we better serve the youth of Warrenville and attract new and perhaps more attendees by moving the Rodeo to a different location. My suggestion would be Johnson school. My thought is that most attendees ride their bike to the Rodeo and if we moved it to Johnson School, we could attract those who would / could not ride their bikes across Route 59.
<p>Education Dissemination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generate updated materials for distribution at each year's event. Groups/Agencies to reachout to: IDOT, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, Illinois Prairie Path, Ride IL, Illinois Secretary of State (for copy of Illinois Bicycle Rules of the Road)• Get about 50 copies of materials. Any left over can be disseminated at National Night out, or at City Hall. With materials updated annually, or every through years, and a pattern of attendants not always taking educational material, this avoids having a large amount of print that becomes expired and needing to throw out.• Consider developing a fact sheet that contains website addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers for the entities that publish valuable bicycle and pedestrian safety and promotional materials. This could be electronic, and be shared through a postcard with a QR code, to minimize the printed material expiring as the website information could be updated. Here are some resources related to bike safety to get started:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ride IL: https://rideillinois.org/safety/• Bicycle Friendly Communities: https://www.bikeleague.org/content/building-blocks-bicycle-friendly-communities• US Department of Transportation: https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/• Consider in the budget, order bags or canvas bags, for the educational materials to be placed in prior to the event. This can be done by a commissioner, or items can be split among commissioners who are able/willing to assemble to make this a lighter load.• Consider having the printing costs of the bags subsidized by advertisers, such as the Bike Shop, Dairy Queen, Rosati's and others might be interested in being advertisers. We just need to make sure to print a reasonable number of bags so that the business enterprises are still operating when the bags are distributed.
<p>Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get 5 volunteers for the bike course (1 per station, of there are more people than stations, have them double up, and cheer the course participants on)• Have at least half a dozen volunteers to help with set up, which involves:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ putting up tents, tables, chairs for venders○ setting up the BPAC table○ Placing event signs○ Setting up the course cones and props
<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create/Print/Order signs of sponsors, or ask Sponsors if they have a banner/sign they can provide ahead of time that can be placed at the event to help recognize them• For the registration/ check in table, make sure to allow open space around in case there is a rush – it'll avoid crowding or mitigate crowding due to a bottleneck scenario.