



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Hanson Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, AH, IL 60005
May 22, 2019
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of January, 24, 2019
- B. Minutes of April 24, 2019

IV. REPORTS

- A. Chairman's Report

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Community Bike Ride, May 11, 2019 Recap-David Easley
- B. Bikes in the Downtown District Education Flyer

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss BPAC priorities and areas to focus Commission efforts

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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***Minutes of the Arlington Heights Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Thursday, January 24, 2019 in the Hanson Room at Village Hall***

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Alan Medsker – Chairman Protem
David Easley
Richard Lenski
Lynn Sakata

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Juergen Juffa, Chairman
Paul Danko
Charlotte Obodzinski

STAFF PRESENT:

Briget Schwab, Engineering Liaison, VAH
Carrie Regilio, Police Department, VAH

OTHERS PRESENT:

RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, A. Medsker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

D. Easley moved to approve the Minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Commission Meeting from December 6, 2018. L. Sakata seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Medsker reported on the Walk of Silence and Ride of Silence. Gary Gilbert from the Arlington Heights Bike Club is the coordinator for the Ride of Silence and they are expanding to a Walk of Silence. A. Medsker asked if a police escort necessary for the walk, are they available, and if there would be a cost associated with this service. A. Medsker explained that they want to be visible, but not put anyone in danger. His estimation is that 30 people would attend the walk, at the most. Officer Regilio asked if this event goes through the Special Events Committee and how an officer was arranged in the past. B. Schwab said in the past Officer Hess was contacted and if he was on duty he would ride along. A. Medsker said no, the Ride of Silence has never been big enough and it has never been required. Officer Regilio asked how long the walk would be. A. Medsker said those details haven't been worked out, but the walk would only be what could be done in 45 minutes. The Ride of Silence and proposed Walk of Silence would start at the same time and everyone would meet in Recreation Park, and he is thinking of planning the route to go through downtown. Officer Regilio would defer this to the Bike Supervisor and provided the new contact which is Sergeant Steve Hudgens. Officer Regilio

doesn't anticipate it changing how it was in the past. A. Medsker stated that Gary Gilbert is not able to plan the walking portion of the event, so if it is to happen someone else is going to have to organize the walk portion. A. Medsker can only commit to very little, but would like to see it happen. Some of the coordination needed is planning a 45 min walk, a walk leader, walker at the end, and marketing for the walk. L. Sakata moved to set up a Walk of Silence in coordination with Ride of Silence. D. Easley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Schwab reported that she submitted the Buffalo Creek Crossing project for the People for Bikes grant which is up to \$10,000. She is also submitting for Rails to Trails, CMAQ/TAP-L, and the Invest in Cook grant in the next few weeks. It will likely be several months before the Village knows if they receive any of the grants. The Lake County Forest Preserve is sending an updated letter of concurrence. On February 5, B. Schwab will attend an FHWA meeting to review the project to review and see if the Phase I and II review and approval process will be required since the project has been shelved for ten years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Regilio attended the meeting at the request of the BPAC. A. Medsker requested that an officer attend meetings at least every six months, so the BPAC can connect with the Police Department and stay informed of issues they are seeing. A. Medsker inquired about crashes and crash data and if there are any common threads and locations for bicycle and pedestrian crashes. Officer Regilio stated that to her knowledge the pedestrian and bicycle statistics are not being regularly tracked and the traffic crashes are not broken down to that level, but she will look into and see if that is something they can start tracking and reporting. However, 'dooring' is tracked by checking a box on the crash form and can also be placed in the narrative of the crash report.

A. Medsker will take as much data as they are willing to provide, but also doesn't want to make demands on something that wouldn't be regularly used. He would also like to look at the traffic accident form and see if there are any suggestions for data that can be collected. Officer Regilio stated crash forms are State mandated forms which are the same everywhere and changes would need to go through the State. A. Medsker said he wouldn't necessarily go through changing the forms, more of what is being filled out and details explained on the form. A. Medsker also inquired how the BPAC would be able to require the data. Officer Regilio said she would have to look into how that data could be compiled and reported. She explained that right now she manually goes through crash reports to pull out DUI crash data and it is a lengthy process. She explained that they are looking into new systems for reporting and will ask if tracking cyclists and pedestrian crashes would be possible. A. Medsker stated that he would like BPAC to look into specific information that they could ask for in a new system.

R. Lenski asked if VAH cites the motorists for the three foot passing law. Off-hand, Officer Regilio does not know if there have been any tickets written for this particular incident. R. Lenski asked how, as a cyclist, to handle getting cut off or yelled at by a motorist. Officer Regilio recommended going by how you feel and if you are in danger. If an officer is called, they will try and deescalate the situation and you have to decide how bad it is and if you, as the victim, want to file a criminal complaint and go through the process from signing the complaint to following it through to court. She further explained the first avenue is not citation; Police want to warn first and make them aware of law. D. Easley asked how bike patrol is handled. Officer Regilio explained it is special training and takes place in certain patrol areas and at special events. A. Medsker asked about the Central Business District and riding bikes on the sidewalk. Officer Regilio isn't aware of any tickets given out for bikers riding on the sidewalk

and isn't aware of a high complaint level for this issue. The biggest complaint that she is aware of is kid's loitering downtown. A. Medsker would like a better understanding of the downtown because there is no good option for riding bikes in the downtown area. A. Medsker thinks education and enforcement is probably something that could be helpful. Officer Regilio asked if there is a location that BPAC recommends to hold an education and enforcement campaign. A. Medsker wasn't prepared for an answer at this point, but is definitely interested and would like to brainstorm locations and will get back to them. Officer Regilio said that they do hold pedestrian enforcement and education campaigns for pedestrians that are illegally crossing the tracks and stated they could possibly include cyclists in the next one.

D. Easley thanked the Police Department for their support on the Community Bike Rides. A. Medsker thanked them for their support on the Ride of Silence. It stated it helps a lot on the Ride of Silence because, by design, it takes people on roads that many are not necessarily comfortable riding on. Officer Regilio said they are happy to be part of the events and they like to be able to support the community in that facet. Officer Regilio thanked the BPAC for having her and will share the feedback with her supervisor.

C. Obodzinski sent B. Schwab information on a free America Walk webinar, "Creating Safer Streets for All," which will take place on February 13, 2019 from 1pm-2pm. B. Schwab will send the link to BPAC members.

B. Schwab informed the BPAC of the following IDOT projects. B. Schwab did provide comments and provided the Bike and Pedestrian Plan recommendations for applicable projects:

PALATINE ROAD:

IDOT has two (2) separate projects on the January 18, 2019 letting for the Palatine Road Resurfacing: Contract 62H47 from the west side of Rand Road west past the west Village limits to just east of US 14 (NW Hwy) in the Village of Palatine, Contract 62F23 from the east side of Rand Road east past the east Village limits to IL 21 (Milwaukee Ave) in the Village of Wheeling. The Palatine Road Resurfacing is limited to the mainline pavement. No work will be performed on the frontage lanes. Separate projects for the resurfacing of the frontage lanes are programmed for the 3rd Qtr of FY 23.

DUNDEE ROAD:

The second Palatine Road contract, 62F23, also includes asphalt pavement patching of Dundee Road from the east side of Kennicott Avenue east past the east Village limits to First Street near IL 21 (Milwaukee Ave) in the Village of Wheeling. A full resurfacing of this same section of Dundee Road is tentatively scheduled for next year, 2020.

RAND ROAD:

Also on the January 18, 2019 letting is a Crack and Joint Sealing contract 62H31 for Rand Road through the entire Village.

NORTHWEST HIGHWAY:

Scheduled for the March 8, 2019 letting is the resurfacing contract 60T49 for Northwest Highway from just east of Vail Avenue east past the east Village limits to the City of Des Plaines.

GOLF ROAD:

Scheduled for the April 26, 2019 letting is the resurfacing contract 62H12 for Golf Road from just west of Meijer Drive in Rolling Meadows east through the Village to the City of Des Plaines.

ALGONQUIN ROAD:

Also scheduled for the April 26, 2019 letting is the resurfacing contract 62H44 for Algonquin Road from Golf Road southeast through the Village to Elmhurst Road in the Village of Mount Prospect.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A Medsker recommended a TED Talk by Jeff Speck, “Four Ways to Make a City More Walkable”.

ADJOURNMENT:

D. Easley moved to adjourn the meeting. R. Lenski seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

APPROVED:

Secretary Date

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Charlotte Obodzinski
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MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Briget Schwab, Engineering Liaison, VAH

OTHERS PRESENT:

RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:

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CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, J. Juffa called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

J. Juffa reported that there is a new contact, Nichole Vessel, at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library (AHML) that reached out to him and would like to coordinate activities with the BPAC. She expressed interest in co-sponsoring events such as bike rides, education classes, and 'Bike to the Library'. Ms. Vessel also stated that she is working with the Arlington Heights Bike Club and is hoping to target the 20/30's demographic.

J. Juffa shared his proposal of the Bike to Library program that he had previously shared with the former AHML coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS:

B. Schwab reported that she submitted the Buffalo Creek crossing at Lake Cook & Wilke Road for five different grants. The People for Bikes grant was denied, but the others are still pending. B. Schwab did have a phone interview with Cook County for the Invest in Cook grant. The Invest in Cook grant award notification is in May. B. Schwab submitted a draft Project Development Report to IDOT.

D. Easley reported on the May 11 Community Bike Ride which was themed Bike to the Parks. The ride will start and end at North School Park. D. Easley obtained the necessary permits and completed the coordination with the Village for the Police Officers and street closures. D. Easley asked for volunteers to help the day of the ride. J. Juffa will lead one of the rides. D.

Easley will handle registration which will start at 8am. C. Obodzinski offered to help with registration.

NEW BUSINESS:

B. Schwab informed the BPAC that the Village Staff was looking for a formal recommendation on bikes on sidewalks in the downtown area. J. Juffa presented samples of signs placed in Royal Oak, Michigan and paint markings or decals on sidewalks in Corvallis, Oregon as an example of how other towns have handled the issue of bikes on sidewalks. J. Juffa personally doesn't think signage is a solution. R. Lenski asked how often the signs would be posted. L. Sakata stated that signs should only be concentrated on a few blocks. P. Danko stated that the City of Chicago has a law that children 12 and under would still be allowed on sidewalks. B. Schwab said there is an existing Ordinance preventing bikes on sidewalks in the downtown area. Additionally, most of the complaints were generated from children riding on the sidewalk, so putting an age limit wouldn't address the issue. D. Easley said he would rather see an educational push and awareness campaign rather than add signs and/or paint sidewalks. R. Lenski said he would at least like to see signage on the perimeter of the downtown streets. L. Sakata and D. Easley said they would like to see Police involved and stopping the riders when they see them. C. Obodzinski recommended handing information out at downtown events such as the summer concerts. J. Juffa and D. Easley said they could hand out educational flyers at the community bike rides and work with the library as well. R. Lenski asked if the Village could also do a social media push. R. Lenski said the education should include a map of the Downtown District.

C. Obodzinski made a motion for the BPAC to make an educational flyer about multimodal transportation in the Downtown District. L. Sakata seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J. Juffa asked for volunteers to make the first draft of the flyer. D. Easley said he would collaborate with J. Juffa.

J. Juffa shared pictures with the BPAC of the sharrows that were placed on Dryden Avenue as part of the Resurfacing Program. Most of the sharrows are already peeling off, or gone. B. Schwab said the Project Engineer was aware of the situation. There is a one year warranty on the project and she has already made the contractor aware that the sharrows need to be fixed. B. Schwab doesn't know for sure when they will be redone, but likely when the pavement and air temperatures are consistently higher. J. Juffa asked if there was any feedback on the sharrows. B. Schwab said she received a lot of comments on the placement of the sharrows, so she placed an educational piece on the Village website to help answer some of the questions.

J. Juffa and B. Schwab reported on the Euclid Avenue Bike Path. Work is underway and the stone subbase and retaining wall for the path has been completed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Medsker asked about the Walk of Silence which is expected to be held on May 15 at 7:00pm. Riders and walkers will meet at Recreation Park. A. Medsker strongly encouraged all BPAC members to ride if possible. B. Schwab said if they are planning on having an official walk than they would need to go through Special Events Committee which is what was done for the Community Bike Ride. J. Juffa did put together a proposed route and can take it through the Special Events Committee process. A. Medsker said someone would also need to be the lead for the walk because he is unable. L. Sakata is out of town. D. Easley volunteered to lead the walk

and will also submit the route for approval. D. Easley asked how people will know about the event. A. Medsker said the Ride of Silence has happened every year by word of mouth. L. Sakata shared that this is the 17th annual Ride of Silence which is an event that happens across the county on the same day at the same time. The only publicity done for the event is Arlington Bike Club posting it on their website, so after further discussion D. Easley felt this year could be done informally since there may not be that many participants.

C. Obodzinski attended the Northwest Municipal Conference (NWMC) meeting for their Multimodal Plan update as a representative for Pace. B. Schwab sent out a survey from the NWMC and C. Obodzinski encouraged everyone to complete the survey. C. Obodzinski told the committee that she thinks communities can look into making changes to their zoning codes to encourage multimodal transportation.

ADJOURNMENT:

A. Medsker moved to adjourn the meeting. C. Obodzinski seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

APPROVED:

Secretary Date