



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Hanson Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, 60005
April 12, 2022
7:30 AM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of November 18, 2021

IV. REPORTS

- A. Phase I Windsor Road Diet - Request for Proposal updated by Staff
- B. Potential Sustainability/Green Aggregation Funds Budget Allotment for Bike Plan Improvements - White Oak Combined Bike and Parking Lane recommendation - Update from Staff

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. June 4, 2022 Community Bike Ride - Discussion on event coordination

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
4/12/2022

Item: Minutes of November 18, 2021

Department: Public Works

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes of November 18, 2021	Minutes

***Minutes of the Arlington Heights Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission
Thursday, November 18, 2021 in the Commissions Room at Village Hall***

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Charlotte Obodzinski, Chairman
Paul Danko
Richard Lenski
Jay Virchow

MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Easley
Juergen Juffa
Lyn Sakata

STAFF PRESENT:

Briget Schwab, Engineering Liaison, VAH
Russell Mandel, Police Department, VAH

OTHERS PRESENT:

RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE:

Melissa Cayer

CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being present, C. Obodzinski called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

R. Lenski moved to approve the Minutes of the Bicycle Advisory Commission Meeting from September 30, 2021. P. Danko seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

B. Schwab reported that the Request for Proposals for a Phase I Study for the Windsor Road Diet went out a couple of weeks ago and proposals are due tomorrow, November 19. B. Schwab indicated that she received feedback from several consultants that they were concerned the \$50,000 budget was too low for the project given the complicated intersection of Palatine Road and are declining to submit a proposal. B. Schwab reminded the BPAC that the Village did seek grant funding from ITEP but the project was not selected. C. Obodzinski inquired if the Phase I study could be phased if it comes in over. B. Schwab indicated that was a possibility and she would know more after the proposals came in.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Potential Sustainability/ Green Aggregation Funds Budget** – B. Schwab recapped that at the last two BPAC meetings, commissioners discussed potential projects that could be funded by Sustainability/Green Aggregation fund were discussed. At the prior meeting BPAC commissioners identified the White Oak corridor as a priority since it is a main connection to Busse Woods and Mount Prospect bikeways system. Additionally, with the Algonquin Rd/ Wilke Road intersection project and the Wilke Road resurfacing project including the side path, BPAC was especially excited about the potential to create a significant continuous regional route. Therefore, B. Schwab focused efforts on potential pavement marking plans for White Oak Street from Arlington Heights Road to Wilke Road and presented the following options:

Option 1 (Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Recommendation)–

- Wilke to Highland Avenue - On both sides, install a 7' combined bike and parking lane
- Highland to Arlington Heights Rd – on both sides install sharrows (same treatment completed on Dryden Ave) since roadway width will not accommodate combined bike and parking lanes and maintain an adequate travel lane width.

Option 2 –

- Wilke to Highland Avenue - On both sides, install a 7' combined bike and parking lane
- Highland to Evergreen – On both sides, install a 4' dedicated bike lane and implement new parking restrictions, eliminating 29 potential parking spots
- Evergreen to Arlington Heights Rd – Install sharrows

Option 3 -

- Wilke to Highland Avenue – On north side, install a 4' dedicated bike and implement new parking restrictions. On south sides, install a 7' combined bike and parking lane
- Highland to Evergreen – On both sides, install a 4' dedicated bike lane and implement new parking restrictions
- Evergreen to Arlington Heights Rd – Install sharrows

Option 3 would eliminate a total of 168 potential parking spots (156 on the north and 29 on the south)

BPAC members engaged in a discussion about all of the options. Specifically, there was questions about sharrow markings. B. Schwab indicated that they are becoming more popular in other towns and there is a place for them when road widths cannot accommodate a marked bike lane. C. Obodzinski acknowledged that with the stop light traffic should be coming to a stop, so in theory cars are traveling at a lower speed where sharrows markings are proposed. Sgt. Mandel shared that patrol typical sees an increased speed west of Fernandez where the roadway is wider, not between Highland and Arlington Heights Road. In addition, the commissioners did not want to take away parking.

Ultimately, BPAC commissioners settled on recommending Option 1 citing the following reasons:

1. They didn't think taking away parking was favorable, and expressed the desire for this project to be received in a positive light by the public.
2. Since on-street parking is significantly underutilized, they were not concerned with parked car conflicts for cyclists. (police only completed 2 parking surveys before the meeting, but parking usage was less than 2% on each occasion)
3. The wider striped lane provides a more comfortable riding experience with more separation from traffic
4. Travel lanes will be reduced (varying from 11' to 10') and studies show this has a traffic calming effect. AASHTO Guide to Bicycle Facilities, 4th Edition does support the reduced travel lane in a retrofit situation provided traffic speeds are

low, the segment has a low ADT, and the alignment/geometry of the roadway does not require a wider travel lane.

B. Schwab shared that White Oak Street would be reconstructed in the next five years, so they would have the opportunity to re-evaluate the current decision. If BPC felt it was necessary, a more aggressive approach (eliminating parking) could be explored at the time of reconstruction.

J. Virchow moved to recommend Option 1 to stripe a combined bike and parking lane on both sides of White Oak St with sharrows from Highland to Arlington Heights Rd. R. Lenski seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Enhanced Educational Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Programs including bike rodeo, public education, and enforcement – Sgt. Mandel shared that he is working on setting up a bike safety curriculum and coordinating with the School Resource Officers. He discussed the possibility of the using the Safety Town located at Arlington Ridge Center for an outreach event. Sgt. Mandel is not targeting a specific date at this time but is hopeful for spring 2022. J. Virchow shared that he reached out the School Resource Officers and they indicated they would be a resource for the BPAC and coordinating a walking/biking survey to parents. B. Schwab shared that Safe Routes to School has a survey form that specifically asks about students walking/biking habits and perceived barriers that she will e-mail to J. Virchow.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Spring 2022 Community Bike Ride - C. Obodzinski asked the BPAC to establish a date for the spring bike ride.

P. Danko moved to have the Spring 2022 Community Bike Ride on June 4, 2022. J. Virchow seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Sgt. Mandel is going to try and coordinate vendors to be at North School Park after the event. He also shared that he is requested the e-bikes be used for the ride in lieu of squad cars. C. Obodzinski suggested coordinating a bike ride safety class for children and/or a bike helmet fitting at the event. B. Schwab stated that a permit would be required to use North School Park. Sgt. Mandel is hoping to include the Park District in event and will coordinate a permit if necessary. C. Obodzinski asked if the library would also be involved as they have in the past. C. Obodzinski and R. Lenski shared that Maker Space now has a bike fixing tool kit that could be highlighted at the event.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Resident, Melissa Cayer, stated that the BPAC webpage on vah.com is not up to date and does not have the current list of commissioners listed and the mission statement has not been updated to included pedestrians. B. Schwab thanked Ms. Cayer for the information and agreed to look into it and have the website updated.

ADJOURNMENT:

R Lenski moved to adjourn the meeting. P. Danko seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

APPROVED:

Secretary

Date