



Monday, February 12, 2018
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Hooker Conference Room, Bloomington City Hall
AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2018
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Communications from Commission Members
- V. Reports from Staff
 - a. City Project Updates
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - a. UDO Updates – create a list
 - b. Updates: Terrible, Horrible Ride; Allen Street; Transportation Plan; Bikes Month; Bikecentennial
 - c. Interest in Advocacy and Outreach
 - d. Spring Happenings: UDO Update, Sustainability Plan
 - e. Small Needs Next Steps
- VIII. Topic suggestions for future agendas
- IX. Upcoming Meetings/Events - Work Session – tbd BPSC work session
March 12, 2018 BPSC regular meeting
- X. Adjourn

**Action requested*

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Monday, January 8, 2018

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Hooker Conference Room, Bloomington City Hall

MINUTES

I. **Call to Order and Introductions: 5:34 p.m.**

Members present: Jim Rosenbarger, Jaclyn Ray, Mallory Rickbeil, Barbara Salisbury, and Julia Karr. Members of the public: Ron Brown, Mitch Rice, Paul Ash, and Staff present: Beth Rosenbarger and Neil Kopper.

II. **Approval of Minutes – none at this time**

III. **Public Comments – none**

IV. **Communications from Commission Members**

Jim Rosenbarger: discussed and proposed creating a more robust neighborhood greenway system in Bloomington. Presented a proposal for the upcoming Transportation Plan. Neighborhood Greenways focus on walking and bicycling and allow motor vehicles to use the street, but through design reduce motor vehicle speeds and usage. This is something that has to be thought of as transportation network. There is a planned temporary installation on Allen Street but could become something permanent. This can help attract the "interested by concerned" group. One thing that attracts users is other users. Barbara Salisbury had a few questions about design. The intersection of College Mall Road and Covenanter was discussed.

Mallory Rickbeil: what methods for input from the community have you considered? Beth said we don't know yet! But are open to help and suggestions. Other items were discussed as options for sharing info and gathering input on Allen Street Greenway.

V. **Reports from Staff**

- a. **City Project Updates:** Neil, I don't have a list of updates for today. Question about Winslow and Walnut multiuse path: it is a 2018 project still underway. Beth and Neil shared information NACTO conference. Beth attended several sessions about shared streets, high-comfort bicycle infrastructure, and all ages and abilities infrastructure. Neil attended sessions about

VI. **Old Business**

VII. **New Business**

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- a. **Review Small Projects List:** began discussing the Small Needs list. Specifically discussed 3rd and Grant Street. For 3rd and Grant, discussed why a striped crosswalk might not be the best option with the current street situation. Discussed adding a refuge island for pedestrian, how, when, and if that can be accomplished. More information from the small needs list was clarified. Other projects on the Small Needs list were discussed and clarified. Additionally, next steps were discussed. Beth will need to make some edits to the Small needs list. Mallory is maybe willing to develop a way for members to vote on the projects online in order to narrow the list and move forward.
- b. **Bike Light Night:** input on picking dates and locations: Can the police attend in street clothes? Sometimes the police intimidate people. Look at dates the week of February 12 or February 19, 2018. Jaclyn: maybe the Bike Project could be a 3rd location? Or where Bloomingfoods and the B-line meet?
- c. **Transportation Plan Public Meetings:** Need Help Promoting. Beth shared information about the upcoming Transportation Plan meetings and encourage Commission members to invite others to attend the meetings.

VIII. Topic suggestions for future agendas: **follow-up on small needs list. Building out an advocacy arm—a formal list and communication with residents.**

IX. Upcoming Meetings/Events - January 16, 2018 BPSC work session
February 12, 2018 BPSC regular meeting

X. Adjourn

**Action requested*

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A Golden Solution for Slippery Sidewalks

Much like Miss America's tiara, a glistening snow shovel in Bucksport, Maine, is a prized award that's handed down to each year's winner

by Where We Live, [AARP Livable Communities \(/livable-communities/\)](#)



PHOTO BY CHARLES EICHACKER FOR THE ELLSWORTH AMERICAN

Bucksport's Golden Shovel Award is given to the business that does the best job of keeping its sidewalks free of snow. BookStacks owner Andy Lacher (pictured in 2015) is a repeat winner. The runner up, Camden National Bank, received a slightly smaller shovel.

Getting around can be tough during a long Maine winter. And it's especially tough for older adults, of which Maine — with a median age of 44 — has many.

In the small town of [Bucksport \(http://www.bucksportmaine.gov/\)](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov/) (population: 5,500), 20 percent of the residents are age 62 or older. Of this group, roughly 11 percent live alone and many don't drive. They have no desire to move away because they've lived in the town for all or most of their lives. Many worked for the paper mill that fueled the local economy until it closed in 2014 after nearly a century in operation.

Much of the advocacy work and accompanying services available to older adults in the Bucksport region are part of [Thriving in Place \(https://www.bucksportbayhealth.org/thriving-in-place-program\)](https://www.bucksportbayhealth.org/thriving-in-place-program), an effort by the grassroots, largely volunteer [Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition \(https://www.bucksportbayhealth.org/\)](https://www.bucksportbayhealth.org/), which serves the towns of Bucksport, [Orland \(http://www.orlandme.org/\)](http://www.orlandme.org/), [Verona Island \(http://www.veroname.org/\)](http://www.veroname.org/) and [Prospect \(http://www.prospectmaine.org/home.html\)](http://www.prospectmaine.org/home.html) (total population: 8,900) and works with 15 partner organizations as well as local governments, various nonprofits and volunteers.

Winter mobility is a pressing concern.

"The day or two after the snowstorm, I couldn't get to the pharmacy. I couldn't get to the post office. I mean, that didn't seem like an extreme thing to ask. Those [snow] banks come up, and my legs don't work like they used to."

— Pearl Swenson, a resident of Bucksport, Maine, before the town council
[\(https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/maine-news/bucksport-residents-push-for-less-snowy-sidewalks/\)](https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/maine-news/bucksport-residents-push-for-less-snowy-sidewalks/)

In many communities, sidewalk care and snow shoveling is the responsibility of the home or business adjacent to the sidewalk. In downtown Bucksport, where many storefronts are empty, the sidewalks are a town duty.

The council and town manager responded to Pearl Swenson's concerns with both short- and longer-term solutions. A part-time worker was hired and assigned to shovel downtown sidewalks. The city also shaved down the concrete edges of several sidewalks, notes the local paper, [The Ellsworth American, \(https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/maine-news/bucksport-residents-push-for-less-snowy-sidewalks/\)](https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/maine-news/bucksport-residents-push-for-less-snowy-sidewalks/) "making it easier for pedestrians to shuffle onto them when a slick layer of ice renders normal footsteps difficult."

Several Bucksport businesses do shovel the sidewalks outside their doors, partly because it's good for business and partly because they could win the coalition's annual [Ella B. Rayner Golden Shovel Award \(https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/maine-news/bookstacks-again-honored-for-quality-of-its-snow-clearing/\)](https://www.ellsworthamerican.com/maine-news/bookstacks-again-honored-for-quality-of-its-snow-clearing/), named after a longtime Bucksport resident who was a community advocate for pedestrian safety.

"It's a lively competition that the various shoveling groups and businesses take very seriously," observes Lori Parham, [AARP Maine \(https://states.aarp.org/region/massachusetts/\)](https://states.aarp.org/region/massachusetts/) State Director.

The full-size, golden-colored snow shovel is presented to a business that does a particularly good job of keeping its sidewalks clear. (See the photo celebrating [BookStacks \(https://www.facebook.com/BookStacks-235401934711/\)](https://www.facebook.com/BookStacks-235401934711/), a bookstore/wine shop that's a repeat champion.) The winner's name is written on the shovel in a black permanent marker. Much like Miss

America's tiara, the golden shovel is handed down to the following year's champion — when there is one. Due to a lack of snow in 2016, the competition wasn't even held. When winter came roaring back in 2017, the offices of [Bucksport Heart & Soul](http://www.bucksportheartandsoul.com/about.html) (<http://www.bucksportheartandsoul.com/about.html>), a community group, earned the shovel.

As James Bradney, the former health planning director for the Bucksport coalition, [wrote in a 2015 article](https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1709&context=mpr) (<https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1709&context=mpr>): "We listened to what seniors were saying — to the things that were important to them in order to stay healthy, safe, and happy as they age in their homes."

Bucksport is a member of the [AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities](/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/info-2014/member-list.html) (</livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/info-2014/member-list.html>).

This article is adapted from the "Transit, Streets and Sidewalks" chapter of the AARP book *[Where We Live: Communities for All Ages — 100+ Inspiring Ideas From America's Community Leaders](/livable-communities/tool-kits-resources/info-2016/where-we-live-communities-for-all-ages.html)* (</livable-communities/tool-kits-resources/info-2016/where-we-live-communities-for-all-ages.html>).

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THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD BIKE RIDE

*Neither rain nor sleet nor
snow nor roving bands
of scary monsters
will keep us from
the streets! If
you can ride
on this day,
you can ride any day.*



**Saturday,
February 24
meet at 9:45am
ride at 10am**

**Starts &
ends at
Lennie's
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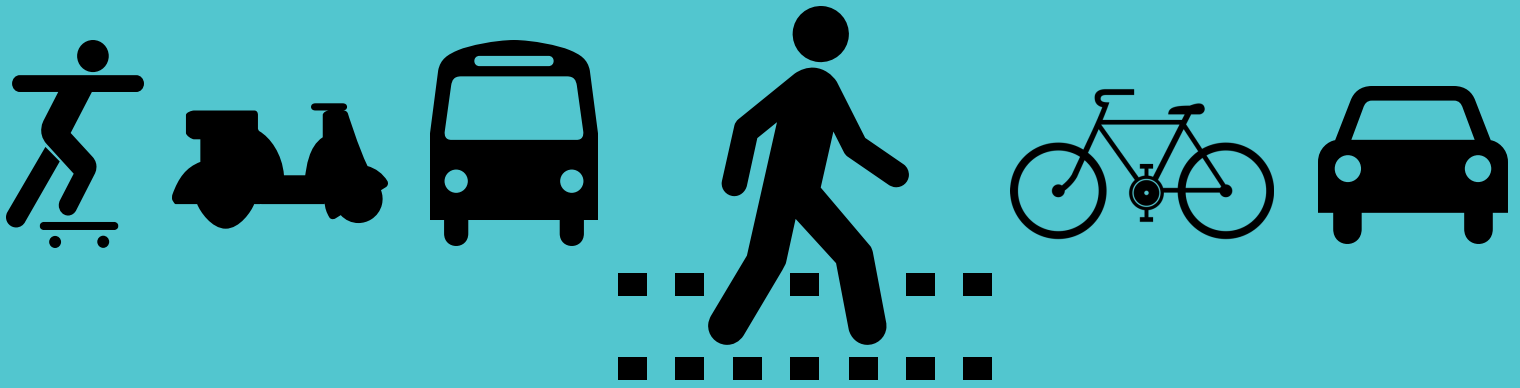
All ages welcome! 3 or 8 mile routes through Bloomington.

After-ride brunch at Lennie's!

Ride participants will enjoy 50% off any food item immediately after the ride.

For more info contact mfox@bloomington.com





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Share your ideas, concerns, and aspirations for transportation in our community. The first meeting focuses on sharing ideas. The second meeting will review ideas and move forward to develop a plan.

City Hall, Council Chambers
401 N. Morton Street

Monday, January 22, 2018

5:30pm to 7:30pm

Thursday, January 25, 2018

5:30pm to 7:30pm