

## Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Commission

Agenda – Monday, August 24, 2020 -- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/96475399376>

### Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order/ Attendance
2. Approval of Minutes – July 2020
3. Old Business
  - a. Maxwell St. On-Street Parking Review (10 min)
  - b. Equity Mapping Updates and Opportunities for the Recover Forward initiative- Mark Stosberg (30 min)
4. New Business
  - a. B-Line Road Crossing Improvements Presentation and Discussion - Cm. Matt Flaherty (25 min)
5. Reports from Staff
  - a. Cascades Road Conversion Pilot and Discussion– Mallory Rickbeil (20 min)
6. Reports from Commission Members
  - a. Hospital Redevelopment Site- Jaclyn Ray
7. Public Comment
8. Adjourn

### Announcements/ Actionable Items:

1. Take the Planning Principles & Frameworks for Hospital Site Redevelopment Survey:
  - a. **Open Now** – September 1<sup>st</sup>
  - b. [Project Website](#)
  - c. [Survey Link](#)
2. Join the Webinar: Right of Way: Race, Class, and the Silent Epidemic of Pedestrian Deaths in America – a conversation with author Angie Schmitt
  - a. September 8th, 2020 (1-2pm, EST)
  - b. [Link to Register](#)
3. Lower Cascades Park Trail Conversion Pilot
  - a. Ongoing (**Open Now**- ??)
  - b. [Project website](#)
  - c. [Survey Link](#)

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# City of Bloomington, Indiana

## Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Commission

Minutes for July 28th, 2020 meeting

### 1. Attendance

Mark Stoberg, Mallory Rickbeil, Ron Brown, Paul Ash, Jaclyn Ray, Ann Edmonds, Beth Rosenbarger, Jim Rosenbarger, Dr. Kelly Clark, Greg Alexander, Abby Ang, Natalie E.

Zoom Bombed: Meeting reconvened 10 minutes later

### 2. Approval of minutes: approved and seconded

### 3. Old Business

- A. Mallory: Local Motion Request for Projects will be soon made available to the public. The deadline for completing the project summary or ‘pitch’ will be no later than Friday, September 18, 2020. The proposed Local Motion projects shall be pitched to the the BPSC at the October 12, 2020 meeting. Following the 10 minute presentations, applicants may have to answer questions from BPSC members and hear public comments. Local motion awards will be announced near the beginning of November.
- B. Beth spoke about the 7-line project; unanimous vote taken: full support from commish

### 4. New Business

#### A. Equity Mapping presentation/ BPSC Project Ideas Discussion

- - Mark: race distribution and income 2010 census
- Comparing Moore’s Pike neighborhood (25 homes) and Arlington Heights Mobile Park neighborhood (250 homes)
- How do sidewalks come to be in Bloomington? Ultimately sidewalk committee, made up of city counselors,
- Should we look at all the planned sidewalk projects (previous and future) to see how we are spending money on sidewalks, is it equitable?
- How can we better advise the City? Link to action items previously emailed.
- Deep research and compelling recommendations to the City
- Work as a team or individually to come up with recommendations
- Covid-19 relevant
- BPSC/ Public Discussion:
  - Kelly: can add narrative to the maps with race and income
  - Ann: use MCCSC bus information and no-service areas for school buses; how to work in high-traffic zones, may need human input for that,
  - Mark: who are the right humans to be involved, less political may be better

- Ann: Miller / Olive area sidewalk decisions were questionable
- Greg Alexander: supports connectivity for Arlington Heights neighborhood, sidewalk commission dramatically underfunded, woefully incomplete, no matter how good the list is, 99% of sidewalks won't get built, what is worthwhile position to take? \$30 Million needs to be in fund (similar to parking garages) for sidewalk funding
- Jim: greenway installation on Allen St, good for no sidewalk areas with low traffic
- Mark: make sure facilities serve the locals in the area and not just connectivity for others
- Beth: we don't lack for project ideas, The Transportation Department lacks funding for the planned projects. Conversations about how is the pie divided isn't addressing the larger need. We want a bigger pie and we want to be good stewards of how we divide that pie.
- There was no public comment in the sidewalk committee meeting, even though it is a public meeting, you can attend but not comment, email your counselor after
- Why do we have a sidewalk committee? We have an alternative transportation budget that is equal to the sidewalk funds and should that all go in the same pot for staff to decide where public infrastructure dollars go?
- Mark: what would transportation Dept. recommendations be instead?
- Dr. Clark : accidents and crashes, can they be put into race and income data? Can we push for putting sidewalk decisions into the Transportation Dept. hands instead?

B. Dr. Clark's Statement as a Council Supported Letter:

- Procedure: Go around twice so everyone can speak twice.
- Kelly: intro to statement, wants to present at council and other councils and commissions; read statement out loud;
- Paul: approves
- Jim: likes enthusiasm but referral to work we are supposed to do spreads out our energies, he wants us to focus, rely on staff now, Beth, Neil, how do we pay for parking garages then complain about no money for sidewalks?; he'll focus on fewer issues; doesn't want to go to other meetings and listen, we have good ideas already
- Ann: likes the idea, driver who drove into protesters has not gone to trial so worried about her being presumed innocent
- Jaclyn: likes the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft and fine to be read at council and other meetings
- Mark: likes sentiment, would like to collaborate more with other volunteers but hasn't been successful in past; focus on planning side more than law enforcement side seems to be more what we do, doesn't want to pledge what we can't promise

- Dr. Clark: has been attending lots of other City meetings, bike-ped safety comes up in those meetings a lot lately; we should reach out and collaborate to increase our power by talking to other groups, often duplicating our efforts, duplicating City presentations when we could see those presentations at other City meetings, it would add to us being taken more seriously and committing to action
  - Beth: merging BPSC + traffic commish + parking commish; they are very similar topics with different lenses; proposing to have one “transportation commission” more like the plan commission but with transportation; maybe in 2021
  - Ann: which committees advise who? E.g. BPSC vs. Accessibility Council
  - Mallory: let’s divide and conquer and not repeat presentations
  - Kelly: motion to vote that statement is on behalf of entire BPSC or just as a member
    - Mark: announcing vote
    - Mallory: wants roll call vote
  - Beth: asking Mark if anyone else wants to make public comment
  - Mark: asking for public comment
  - Abby Ang: meaningful statement for BIPOC people she hopes commission supports
  - Mark: close public comment, roll call vote
- Paul: yes; Ann: No; Kelly: yes; Jim: no; Mark: no; Jaclyn: yes; Ian is absent
- Beth: introduce it next time; can be a new draft too by next time

#### C. BPSC elections

- Mallory asks should we do that in January or earlier? Mark is also taking meeting minutes. Is everyone comfortable with how we work? Are other positions needed?
- Jim: We have chair and vice chair.
- Mark: I was taking notes because he always brought a laptop.
- Jaclyn: I can take notes during zoom meetings.
- Mark: Should we align elections with term notices; do we have bi-laws?
- Mallory: no, we don’t have bylaws
- Mark: Are we supposed to have elections every year?
- Jim: We could make a date to repeat every year
- Mark: Paul; Ann; Mark; Ian all expire January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Mallory: You just have to re-apply, 2 different offices, may be better to do elections before January 1<sup>st</sup> because there will be new people who won’t know who to vote for and January we will have many traffic calming proposals.
- Mark: Put it on the December meeting for president and vice (or chair / vice chair), add secretary to the slate, concise list of outcomes depending on who wants to reapply.
- Jaclyn: I’ll be secretary ‘till December.
- Mallory: table BPSC Mission Statement discussion for next meeting

## 5. Reports from Commission Members

none

## 6. Public Comment

- □Greg Alexander: 2<sup>nd</sup> / Bloomfield Rd is completed but limited because it doesn't have crosswalks going across 2<sup>nd</sup> St or a sidewalk on south-side of 2<sup>nd</sup> St., sort of rural housing, student housing, subsidized housing, enormous volume of poor people, during construction both sides sidewalks were closed and some people got arrested for walking in the street, Neil Copper closed both sides because it was so dis-contiguous (goat path side) so again need more funding for bike-ped facilities, it's a three mile gap for the south-side of Bloomfield, Question: do we even fund basic sidewalks in Bloomington? The sidewalk budget is a joke.
- Ann: also problems of how we allocate extra funds when they become available
- Mark: no further public comment
- Mark: move to adjourn, second, all in favor

## 7. Adjourn



**Transportation General Inquiry and Determination**

**Inquiry #:** TC-20-04  
**Name:** Gwendolen  
**Email:**

**Date:** March 11, 2020

**Phone Number:**

**General Request:**

- Stop Sign
- Traffic-calming
- On-street parking review
- Other:

**Inquiry:**  
**Location:** E. Maxwell Lane from S. High St to dead-end

**Inquiry:** (describe the concern, complaint, or request)  
 Request for on-street parking restriction due to people parking and waiting to pick-up children from the Rogers and Binford Elementary Schools, which makes access for emergency vehicles and others challenging.

**Examination and Staff Determination:**

**Staff examined the inquiry by:**

Investigating the E. Maxwell Lane and surrounding areas such as the Rogers and Binford Elementary Schools on a weekday between 3:15 PM-4:15 PM; measuring the street width; reviewing the minimum street requirements; counting the number of parked cars; and discussing the issue with staff.

**Staff determines:**

During peak school drop-off and pick-up times (8:45AM and 3:45PM), the number of vehicles observed and their parking locations did not result in access issues for emergency vehicles, and the vehicles did not block traffic. The area meets the minimum street width requirements. On-street parking can be an effective traffic-calming tool, and staff sees no need to change parking in that area at this time.

**Staff recommends:**

- No further action.
- Staff will incorporate into a general Title 15 update.
- Staff will add to a list of projects.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If the resident is not satisfied with the determination, you may request a review by the:  
 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety,  Parking, and/ or  Traffic Commission.  
 Call to schedule an appointment to begin the process.

This inquiry was evaluated by:  
SeyedAmir Kaboli Farshchi, Long Range Planner