

# BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 7, 2026

5:30 PM

## MINUTES

Approved: 

Date: 2/4/24

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Edwardsville Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee was held at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall located at 118 Hillsboro Avenue in Edwardsville, Illinois.

### I) ROLL CALL:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Aaron Newcom, chair	Emily Morrison, vice chair
Ashley Cox	Danielle Adair, secretary
Paul Brazier	
Bryan Frost	
Colin Gibbons	
Evie Hemphill	
Theresa Pauli	
Mason Schaefer	
Jason Stacy	
Breana Buncher, staff	Cathy Hensley, staff

II) **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

III) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Schaefer made a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting, seconded by Brazier. Motion passed unanimously.

### IV) **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Winter Sidewalk Clearance - Buncher let Ryan Zwijack know about issues with plows leaving snow piles blocking crosswalks, and he planned to bring it up at management meetings; that's the latest. Newcom said Adair sent him pictures of piles of snow blocking the sidewalk near LeClaire Elementary, and that it continues to be an issue. Buncher agreed to keep BPAC posted on what she learns.
- b) Bike Parking Ordinance - It went to the planning commission Dec. 17 and was back at the planning commission Jan. 7. Buncher anticipates it will be moving forward by the end of February, and she shared the current version of the ordinance via email.
- c) Custom Marketing Materials - Newcom pushed forward the discussion of what we are seeking to communicate at the markets and what else might make sense for distribution to help people understand what BPAC is about. Stacy referenced the large map of existing and prospective trails and shared-use paths in his own office, and Buncher noted that the City's GIS department has access to it. The group

consensus was that if it can be shrunk and made portable/user-friendly and still be legible, it would be perfect to hand out at events. Pauli suggested adding a QR code that be added to it so that people can bring the map up or the BPAC page on their phones. Newcom said he would follow up with Hensley about what might work. He also encouraged members to share any ideas for marketing materials/swag with him as we look toward summer.

## V) NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Crosswalk Enforcement - Hemphill shared a recent concerning experience trying to cross Main Street with both adults and a very visible line of kids waiting to walk their bikes across to the Watershed trail and having a driver blow on by, despite a ton of warning and the other (opposing lane) driver stopping. Gibbons reminded the group that we did discuss crosswalk enforcement some months back and that we had been informed that the police department was planning some crosswalk-focused efforts, but that we didn't hear more after that. Gibbons suggested we see if Adair and Morrison know if the enforcement days did happen – but that we also consider a communications campaign of some kind telling folks they have an obligation to yield to pedestrians. Pauli asked if there is anything in driver's ed related to crosswalks, or if there could be. She added that SIUE crosswalk compliance has improved greatly over the years. Newcom will check with Morrison and Adair about what conversations with the PD were had about crosswalk enforcement.
- b) 2026 Grand Illinois Bike Tour - Cox noted that Edwardsville is at the heart of the area that Ride Illinois has chosen for this year's tour, and wonders if BPAC has ideas for collaborating with its organizers. Hemphill noted that she happened to meet the new director, Ben Harris, when he was scoping the region out last summer and reached out to BWorks. Cox plans to follow up with him to share a little bit about BPAC and just open the conversation. Newcom suggested that it could even be fun to get people along the route to cheer as tour participants ride through. Brazier suggested the possibility of hosting a reception, and Pauli brought up the idea of providing information about amenities like bike racks around town and particularly bike-friendly places.
- c) Potential new subgroup - Marketing & Communication - Newcom suggested that BPAC and perhaps particularly he and Pauli, who are not currently on subgroups, could work on marketing-related efforts more closely with Hensley. Pauli is on board with the idea.
- d) New Subgroup Items -
  - i. Policy & Infrastructure - Gibbons fielded a question from Stacy about Sacred Grounds trying to pursue a bike rack; Gibbons said on his end there hadn't been any updates since the processing of Cafe Birdie and Artisan's application. Stacy planned to follow up with Sacred and identify next steps.
  - ii. Community Engagement - Schaefer has made progress on what he has termed the "Restaurant Ramble." He's connected with both Hensley on some next steps and with staff at the public library, with the latter agreeing to the library serving as a drop-off place for completed logs (a.k.a. brevet cards). Schaefer said he's aiming to launch in April when the weather is getting nicer and considering patches as the reward for completing the challenge. He hopes that we can vote on and finalize things in February, and fielded various questions about how things will work.
  - iii. Education & Safety - Hemphill hopes to finalize bike bus dates for the spring season very soon. The group also brainstormed a few ideas for incentivizing biking to school amid middle schoolers and/or helping them plan their own bike buses, agreeing to keep mulling ideas.
- e) Ebikes - The group ultimately decided to table this discussion for now. Stacy said he likes what MCT has done with its "what's your hurry" focused communications along the trails, and others expressed agreement. Pauli noted that there's a big difference between ebikes and e-motos, the ones that can go something like 40mph. Cox suggested providing some simple educational graphics, and Stacy referenced the regulations already in place within the State of Illinois and suggested BPAC's page point folks to Illinois' helpful graphics related to ebikes and understanding and riding them safely.

**VI) INFORMATIONAL**

**VII) ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss, Gibbons made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Schaefer. Motion passed unanimously.

