

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 2, 2019

Attendance included:

Committee Members	Staff	Guests
Alyssa Boxhill, Chair Louis Huzella Marien Hornyak Shayne Boucher Jennifer Whitmore Alderman Russell John "JT" Thomas	Tim Davis	Darcy Richards – NAC 11 Matt Eads – DFP 16 other attendees

Chairman’s Report: Meeting Called to Order at 6:30

Welcome and Introduction:

Announcements:

- Tim updated BPAC on crashes year-to-date

Approval of Minutes:

March 5, 2018:

Motion: Jennifer Whitmore made a motion to approve the March 2018 BPAC hearing minutes as amended.

Second: Lou Huzella.

Vote: 5-0-1, John "JT" Thomas abstained.

Staff Review:

- North Market Street Video
 - Script is under review
- Bike To Work Day
 - Tim discussed the two routes and the Bicycle Escape "Pre-Party".
 - Video to promote event is in the works.
- On Street Bike Plan
 - More next month.
- Staff updated BPAC on the status of the CIP recommendations – Carroll Creek trail design funds are in the budget for the time being, more next month.

NAC 11 Discussion:

Darcy Richards from NAC 11 provided a summary discussion of their efforts on making suggested changes to the ordinance. Included with the minutes are a summary of their

comments. Darcy requested the BPAC make a motion to support their changes to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. In addition, Matt Eads from the Downtown Frederick Partnership provided a summary of their point of view and the details are attached. Matt asked if the BPAC could hold off on a recommendation until next month.

BPAC Discussion included remarks from Marien notes that the visually impaired may have a difficult time if the enclosures are moved during the winter. Visually challenged are taught to look for landmarks and things staying the same helps them to navigate. Lou indicated that from a pedestrian safety standpoint, he did not see where there was any quantitative evidence that the cafés are a hazard.

Aside from the two groups represented (NAC 11 & DFP), a number of residents and business owners spoke both in favor and in opposition to the matter at hand.

Those in favor of the Mayor and Board evaluating change to the existing ordinance included:

- Linda Moran
- Phil LeBlanc
- John Menke
- Dale Dowling

Those opposed to making changes to the ordinance included:

- Joanna Button of JoJo's Restaurant & Tap House
- Cherie Nearman of Hootch & Banter

John "JT" Thomas made the following motion:

Move that BPAC draft and transmit correspondence to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen recommending the initiation of efforts to evaluate the need to update Frederick city code article VIII Sidewalk Cafes to address potential improvements or changes to the code that would support enhanced pedestrian mobility and safety.

The motion was seconded by Jennifer Whitmore. The motion passed 5-1, with Marien in opposition.

Committee Member Announcements or Comments:

- Shayne stated that he has been working with three local elementary schools on a Bike Safety Program Week in May and June.

Public Comment:

- Mr. LeBlanc spoke about the Alleyway pilot that the city did last year, and that it should be budgeted for next fiscal year to move forward with more safety improvements in the downtown.

Adjourned approximately 7:45 P.M.