

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 6, 2020**  
**Virtual – Teams Meeting**

Attendance included:

Committee Members	Staff	Guests
Alyssa Boxhill, Chair - absent Marien Hornyak Russell Richardson Shayne Boucher John Thomas Roger Rinker Eric Eckl Jennifer Whitmore Lou Huzella Alderman Russell	David Edmondson	

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

**Announcements:**

No announcements.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**September 1, 2020**

Motion: Lou Huzella made a motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Second: Jennifer Whitmore.

Vote: 9-0.

**Staff Review:**

**• Crash Report**

- Shayne suggested having cameras where the incident occurred on Opposumtown Pike in case there are other incidences.
- Jenn asked why the driver was not cited for the incident on Monocacy Boulevard. Alderman Russell stated that charging a crash is discretionary and feels the question should be asked if there are injuries why the decision was made not to charge. It is not mandatory for every case.

**• Bike rack/parking update**

- Alderman Russell stated that this item has been added to the Mayor & Board workshop for tomorrow 10/7/20. We will talk about the parklets, street closures, food trucks and potential extensions for up to a year. It will be on the agenda for Thursdays hearing it is a quick turnaround due to approaching end of month. If you have feedback, please provide that via email or e-comment.
- Shayne asked what the general feed back was for set up and the whole arrangement? Alderman Russell stated that it has been very popular and very well accepted. She added there have been some concerns from some of the businesses that are not restaurants regarding the ability to access their business.

- **Vision Zero**

- Shayne asked how did this statement get aligned with the Maryland Department of Transportation ascribed to. Alderman Russell stated this is a resolution from the Metropolitan Council Government. MDOT, VDOT and DDOT all sit on that planning board and it was the product of a study on specific and concrete that TPB could recommend to jurisdictions to work towards no deaths.
- Shayne stated that he will comment for his organization that they are in support of Vision Zero and feels it is a worthy resolution to help the state governments to go ahead to find ways to reduce pedestrian/bicycle deaths.
- Eric asked with the numbers in Frederick being so low and a lot of the deaths being outliers and not a regular occurrence how would Vision Zero work in Frederick effectively? David responded that Vision Zero looks at having zero serious injuries as well. The idea is that no one should suffer permanent harm by using our transportation system.
- JT added a comment stating that he has no issues with the city adopting the policy statement but to draft the policy without the emphasis on distracted driving we will not have success.

**Committee Member Announcements or Comments:**

- Marien stated she had to change her route to work because she was hit by a distracted driver, so she now walks a different route. She did not report it because she was not hurt.
- Shayne asked Marien now that we are getting more electric cars on the street if she is able to hear electric cars or is it harder to listen for. She responded they are harder to hear.
- JT commented that soon the time will change, and it will be darker earlier if there could be some press outreach regarding bicycle/pedestrian safety.
- Shayne stated that the month of October is Walktober and he will send a link to the community regarding that.
- Alderman Russell stated that the city just released a video regarding pedestrian safety.
- Marien stated that October is also International White Cane Awareness Day.
- Next Meeting will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> since November 3<sup>rd</sup> city offices will be closed for election day.

Motion: Lou Huzella made a motion for BPAC meeting to be moved to November 10, 2020.

Second: Russell Richardson.

Vote: 9-0.

**Public Comment:**

- No public comment.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion: Eric Eckl.

Second: Roger Rinker.

Vote: 9-0.

**Adjourned approximately 7:10 P.M.**