

**BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

Attendance included:

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Alyssa Boxhill, Chairman Bill Smith, Vice Chairman John Thomas Russell Richardson Marien Hornyak Shayne Boucher Eric Eckl Roger Rinker Kelly Russell, Aldermanic Representative	Tim Davis Zack Kershner – Director of Public Works	Josh Feldmark – Executive Director of Bike Maryland Bruce Albaugh – Representative from NAC 11

o **Chairman’s Report:**

o **Announcements:**

o **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: Shayne Boucher moved to approve the August 1, 2017 BPAC meeting minutes.

Second: Marien Hornyak.

Vote: 8-0.

o **Welcome & Introductions:**

Alyssa Boxhill welcomed Josh Feldmark.

o **Presentation of Bike Maryland:**

- Shayne Boucher stated that in the past Bike Maryland had a symposium that we try to bring a lot of bike advocates together and one of the things he feels is helpful is an advocacy center where you go visit the representative, he asked if that would continue? Bill’s note: the Maryland Bike-Ped Symposium always had a break in the middle. During this time period, bike advocates would go elsewhere in the building to speak with their elected representatives on bicycle-pedestrian issues.
- A committee member stated that he believes the Secretary of Transportation and SHA they understand the safety issues are huge for cyclists and pedestrians but unfortunately when it comes to state spending any and often that state spending that filters down to the local jurisdictions it is often in the 1% range. He asked if there are any opportunities that we may be able to get spending increases to address our 20% crash issue.
- Tim Davis stated that the experience with the BPAC and Bike Maryland has been great. Bike Maryland invited the Mayor to come speak about the connection between Economic Development and promoting bicycle and pedestrian activities in the communities. We are happy to have Bike Maryland back up, running and we will stay in touch.
- Shayne Boucher stated that one of the issues that was brought up at the symposium was that there wasn’t a good way for a group like this to communicate with each other

to learn what other communities are doing to put in pedestrian and bike friendly policies and was inquiring if it was still on the road map to help us get connected.

○ **Downtown Alleys Discussion**

- A committee member (Marien) feels that the request Mr. Albaugh is asking for isn't unreasonable. She struggles as a pedestrian with the Historic Preservation and the accessibility of Frederick. She is supposed to walk with a white cane and when downtown she doesn't because of the chance it will get caught between bricks and she completely avoids the alleys altogether due to safety.
- A committee member supports the signage and improving the sight distance at the intersections. He stated there was a strong case presented and feels that what he heard was that it wasn't enough.
- Alderman Russell asked in his research if he found any documentation as to when that line appeared. She would be interested to know how it came to be.
- Shayne Boucher asked what the best practice would be for alleys in this situation and wondering what the best practices that are out there and what they might be.
- Tim Davis stated that what you are leading to is some sort of plan. Some resources can't do anything unless they have a plan. The research of what the best practices are translates into a plan and then figuring out how much money it will cost.
- Alyssa Boxhill stated that Cherian did a study of Maxwell Alley and Church Street and there were 10,793 cars traveling that in one month and over 366 were going faster than 20 miles an hour.
- A committee member said that one thing that will slow people down is narrower lanes.
- I had asked if the City of Frederick was solely responsible for upkeep and maintenance of the alleys to determine if it was possible for us to move quickly with the NAC 11 initiative if it was given priority. If the city could the city change the speed limit or would we need to petition the state.

○ **Committee Member Announcements or Comments**

- Roger Rinker stated that at the end of the month the Bicycle Escape is doing a camping trip and invited others to participate.
- Shayne Boucher stated that there is a 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Health Fair. The Frederick Bicycle Coalition will be there. They encourage biking and walking as a form of exercise. There is also a group called WOW (walking our way to health ) in Hillcrest that started a walking club and it starts this Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and it is really targeted for seniors.
- Marien Hornyak stated that Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> is In the Streets and next Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> is Run to Work Day.
- Alderman Russell stated that September 22<sup>nd</sup> is Car Free Day. She also stated she printed Maryland Pedestrian laws so feel free to take a copy. She congratulated Shayne Boucher to be appointed to the State Task Force.

○ Adjourned approximately 8:15