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**Date:** Wednesday, January 23, 2008  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** City Council Chambers, City of Urbana, 400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL

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**Members Present:** Brandon Bowersox, Gary Cziko, Rick Bernotas, Audrey Ishii, Gary Biehl, Gary Engelgau, Barak Rosenshine  
**Staff Members Present:** Jennifer Selby, Robert Myers  
**Absent:** Dana Mancuso, Susan Jones

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## MINUTES

### I. Call to Order

Brandon Bowersox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### II. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by verbal record and a quorum was present.

### III. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Upon voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

### IV. Approval of Minutes

Rick Bernotas said in the minutes of November 23, 2007 he did not voice a vote one way or the other in regards to the anti-idling issue. He would like that noted. Brandon Bowersox agreed to this change. Motion was made by to approve the November 20, 2007 minutes. Gary Biehl moved to approve the minutes and it was seconded. Upon a voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

### V. Public Input

There was no public input.

### VI. New Business

#### A. Update of Current Public Works Projects

Jennifer Selby presented a map which showed projects being developed in 2008 or 2009

##### a. Green Street

Vine Street to Cottage Grove. Milling and resurfacing project. Pavement will be raised four inches. All curb and gutter and driveways will be removed and replaced. New ADA compliant sidewalk ramps will be installed at every corner. There will be a public meeting with the neighbors – meeting TBA.

The residents have expressed an interested in a “Green Street Corridor” and they would like to have a connection from Victory Park to Downtown. On the north side of Green Street the City would like to construct new five foot concrete sidewalk. The City will leave it up to the homeowner as to whether or not they want brick or concrete sidewalk. The south side would remain brick and repairs will be made. MTD will have dedicated bus stops along the street.

The existing pavement is 25 feet wide from face of curb to face of curb. The City will present two options for restriping of the road after resurfacing– they can keep what the existing cross-section or they can have two 12 ½ foot lanes – which would remove there parking on the street and vehicles might possibly go faster. There are no plans to widen or narrow the pavement or to add specific bicycle facilities. The Bike Master Plans have the east-west facilities on Main Street and on Washington Street.

Gary Cziko asked how the gutter pan and sewer grates will be installed. Jennifer Selby said it will be a 12 inch wide gutter pan and a 12 inch wide grate she also explained if they keep the parking you will not be on the gutter pan.

b. Philo Road

Colorado Avenue to Florida Avenue. This will be a milling and resurfacing project which should be constructed this 2008 season. Philo Road will be converted from four lanes to three lanes; 2 – 12 foot driving lanes of traffic and a 13 ½ foot center turn lane. There will be 5 ½ foot bike lanes in each direction (from the edge of the gutter). There will be a mid-block crossing for the bus stop. The beginning and end points will be Pennsylvania Avenue from the north and Harding Drive at the south end. The bike lanes at the south end will connect to a shared use path on the east side.

Discussion followed about proper signage and traffic flow transitioning the bike lanes to the bike path. Jennifer Selby said she will inquire about dashing the bike lane lines for left turns at Florida Avenue and Philo Road. She will also check on the signage issues that were discussed to direct bicyclists in the bike lanes to the existing sidepath on the east side of Philo Road south of Colorado Avenue.

c. Florida Avenue / Menards Development

Jennifer Selby said per our previous discussion last year and our comments made, some design changes happened. Florida Avenue will be a new road which will go from Abercorn Street to Highcross Road. It will be 39 feet from face of curb to face of curb (14 feet driving lanes with an 11 feet center lane). The pavement will be concrete and the off-street path will be asphalt and 8 feet in width on the south side of the street with concrete ramps at the intersections. No street lighting will be included as part of the project. Construction will begin this summer possibly and into next summer. Florida Avenue will stop at 500 feet short of Highcross Road because it will be developed as part of the Menards project and should be completed by IDOT in 2009.

Rick Bernontas inquired about the speed limit on Florida Avenue. Jennifer Selby will check on the plans for the speed limit. Brandon Bowersox inquired at Rutledge Drive and Florida Avenue do we need to put some signage in there regarding entering the bike lane. Do we want to encourage a stop sign? Jennifer suggested a high visibility crossing and the diamond sign with the bicycle in it with the supplemental arrow to warn motorist of a bicycle crossing.

The High Cross Road shared use path will be an asphalt paved path (from Windsor Road to University Avenue) on the west side. A sidewalk will be constructed on the east side of High Cross Road. When Menards develops High Cross Road it will be a curbed four lane cross section with a raised median down the center. Gary Cziko suggested 14 foot curb lanes for safety reasons. Brandon said he appreciates any suggestions regarding this route – he said they will forward the concerns and suggestions to the developer and IDOT. He said with High Cross Road being an IDOT project we have less control but we want to hear about the ideas. Brandon Bowersox suggested signage installation in coordination with Greenways and Trails along the shared use path. Jennifer said they are working with the Greenways and Trails committee. He also asked about bollards being installed at the development entrances to warn of street crossing.

Washington Street from just east of High Cross Road to Pfeffer Road will be developed as part of the Menards Development. The street will have curb and gutter. The bike lanes will eventually go from Vine Street to High Cross Road making it the longest stretch of bike lanes in the City.

Robert Myers is with the Planning staff with the City of Urbana. He presented the proposed pedestrian and bicycle network for the Menards development. Final platting for all of the development might take up to ten years. Barak Rosenshine inquired about the parking lot for Menards. Robert Myers said that they are looking at a proposed raise pedestrian/bicycle path that will go from Route 130 to the front door entrance to Menards. Menards is also asking for a variance to get less parking than zoning requires. Rick Bernotas was concerned about the paths in the new area. Robert Myers said he could make a provision of the annexation agreement to ensure that they would be in default of the agreement if they don't construct the paths to certain standards in a timely manner. Jennifer asked the group to get comments to her via email and she will relay to Robert.

Brandon Bowersox asked about the area from Washington Street to Route 130; he said it looks like there is missing sidewalks along Washington Street – this is in our Bike Master Plan and an important connection. This should be a top priority for a pedestrian connection/sidewalk along here. Jennifer asked the group to get comments to her via email and she will relay to Robert.

d. Harvey Street

Fairview Avenue to Church Street. This will be 26 foot wide, face to face of curb, concrete street. No bicycle facilities along here. There are currently no sidewalks but they will be adding a five feet wide sidewalk on the west side of the street.

e. High Cross Road Shared-Use Path

See comments above in the Menards Development comments.

f. Goodwin Avenue

Goodwin Avenue is in design currently we just hired Clark-Dietz to do the work. 2009 construction which includes bike lanes and bump outs, enhanced bus stops.

g. Windsor Road

This will be a concrete street, similar to Highcross Road. 11 foot wide driving lanes and 12 foot raised medians, cut outs for the turn lanes, 12 inch gutter pans, eight foot wide, asphalt shared use path on the north side which will go from Philo Road to High Cross Road. Signals will be installed at Philo Road, Boulder Drive and Myra Ridge Drive. Speed limit will be 40 MPH along Windsor Road.

*B.* BPAC Annual Report

Jennifer Selby presented the annual report that was presented to City Council.

**VII. Old Business**

No old business

**VIII. Announcements**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Jennifer Selby said she would like for members to feel free to email her ideas for future meetings.

**IX. Adjournment**

Brandon Bowersox adjourned the meeting at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Hoffman  
Recording Secretary