

## BPAC AUGUST 12, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

### 5:30PM – Meeting Commences

#### Attendance:

Members	Attendance
Alexander McRae, Chairperson <i>Term expires: 11/2027</i>	X
Edwin Linderkamp, Vice Chairperson <i>Term expires: 04/2028</i>	X
Dr. Alexander “Sandy” Pope, Committee Member <i>Term expires: 10/2026</i>	A
Mary Buffington, Committee Member <i>Term expires: 10/2026</i>	X
Saraleigh Monroe, Committee Member <i>Term expires: 04/2028</i>	X
<b>City Council</b>	
Angela Blake, Council Liaison	A
<b>City Staff Support</b>	
Nick Voitiuc	A
Saujanya Guragain	X
<b>Guests</b>	
Aurelio Giannitti	X
Elise Trelegan	X
John Sater	X

- The July 8, 2025 Minutes were presented. Alex moved for approval, seconded by Saraleigh, and the motion passed unanimously.
- The August agenda was approved on a motion by Alex, seconded by Saraleigh.
- Saujanya provided an update on the rail trail. Initial grant funding supported 30% design completion. The project is supported by several grants, and options are being considered to advance it. Further confirmation from Nick is anticipated in future meetings.
- Saujanya also discussed the SS4A grant. The scope is being reevaluated to trim scope and refocus on sidewalks, crosswalks, and ADA ramps. The requirement for physical barriers in bike lanes has shifted the emphasis away from bikeway improvements, which will not be included in the revised scope based on current priorities. A meeting with the grant officer is scheduled at month’s end to determine next steps.

- Saraleigh noted that committee members should be invited to participate in grant-related meetings and reviews.
- Saujanya added that he will share the revised SS4A scope if the committee is interested.
- Mary expressed concern about sidewalk gaps across the City and asked if the scope addresses this. Saujanya explained that the work follows the original plan, though some sections were omitted due to constructability and other factors, with some infill sidewalks included.
- Saraleigh asked for clarification on the grant used for the 30% rail trail design and whether it was closed out properly.
- Alex inquired about Carroll Street. Saujanya replied that Field Operations has contracted the work, and paving and restriping will begin shortly. Aurelio requested access to final drawings, and Saujanya agreed to follow up.
- Aurelio and Saraleigh raised safety concerns about the potential design, citing driver awareness issues.
- Saraleigh mentioned the Bikelane Uprising app, which tracks bike lane violations.
- Elise reported on the Green Team's survey of downtown employees who walk or bike. Respondents expressed interest in more police presence to create a safer environment. Elise will share full findings later.
- Alex stated he is still waiting on a confirmed date for BPAC's Council presentation.
- Edwin announced his resignation, citing personal and professional obligations.
- The group briefly discussed potential committee member candidates, including John Sater and Tom Horton.
- Alex reviewed the success of National Night Out giveaways. Saraleigh noted the upcoming bike valet service at the 3rd Friday events.
- The committee discussed supplies for the Maryland Folk Festival. Saujanya agreed to place an order and asked for input. Suggestions included slap koozies, bike bells, pedestrian lights, and reflective armbands.
- Mary reported that volunteer slots remain for the Festival bike valet and encouraged members to spread the word.
- The group reviewed informational materials on Bike-Friendly Businesses and Safe Streets & Vision Zero shared by Sandy. Saraleigh recommended updating both the business list and their offered perks. Mary suggested updating the City's downtown GIS layer to highlight bike-friendly businesses.

**6:40 PM- Meeting Adjourned**