

BPAC SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

5:30PM – Meeting Commences

Attendance:

Members	Attendance
Alexander McRae, Chairperson <i>Term expires: 11/2027</i>	X
Dr. Alexander “Sandy” Pope, Committee Member <i>Term expires: 10/2026</i>	X
John Sater, Committee Member <i>Term expires: 08/2028</i>	X
Mary Buffington, Committee Member <i>Term expires: 10/2026</i>	X
Saraleigh Monroe, Committee Member <i>Term expires: 04/2028</i>	X
City Council	
Angela Blake, Council Liaison	A
City Staff Support	
Nick Voitiuc	X
Saujanya Guragain	X
Guests	
Aurelio Giannitti	X
Elise Trelegan	X
Tom Horton	X

- The August 12, 2025 Minutes were presented. Mary moved for approval, seconded by John, and the motion passed unanimously.
- The September agenda was approved on a motion by Alex, seconded by Mary with some minor corrections.
- Alex talked about the BPAC Council presentation, stating that there was no allocated date for it yet. He requested Mary, Saraleigh, and Sandy to add presentation slides sharing information about the Folk Festival, Ghost Bikes, and Vision Zero & BPAC’s contributions, respectively. He also requested relevant pictures from committee members to be included in the slides.
- Nick said that he would help schedule the presentation after the Folk Festival event, tentatively targeting October 6th. The group agreed with the suggested date. Alex urged everyone to be present during the presentation.

- Tom shared that some people who own bikes are afraid to ride alone and end up not using them because of that fear. He suggested that it would be helpful if BPAC could provide or organize “ride-together” services.
- Saraleigh asked about BPAC’s social media outreach and who is responsible for managing it. Mary said that no one has been designated. Saraleigh discussed the positive impact of active social media outreach on event participation in the past. Nick said that the City will post all relevant information online based on requests and asked everyone to send any social media materials they would like to post to the City. He added that, per citywide policy, the City administers all social media accounts to maintain a coherent approach.
- Alex talked about promoting neighborhood walk activities. Nick shared that the City conducts monthly neighborhood walks (during the warmer months), organized by the Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), and that he can help coordinate future efforts between BPAC and HCDD.
- Aurelio suggested cross-posting events (such as the Bike Party) to include people who might not be comfortable riding alone and to support them. The group liked the idea.
- John was welcomed as a new committee member following his recent appointment. It was shared that Tom’s application is awaiting council approval. The group discussed possible social media outreach to fill the remaining vacant committee seat. Aurelio expressed caution about recruiting solely from personal circles, as it may lead to a group with similar views. Sandy noted that the committee may currently be too bike-centric.
- Alex shared that he received confirmation that bike racks are available and ready to be installed for the Bike Valet at the Folk Festival. Mary mentioned that volunteer shifts for the Bike Valet are nearly filled, with one spot remaining, which Saraleigh agreed to cover.
- Saujanya shared that the BPAC giveaway items have been ordered and that he will bring all materials before the start of the event.
- Saraleigh talked about the upcoming Salisbury Bike Party event on Friday and invited everyone to join.
- Saraleigh also mentioned speaking with multiple businesses about the Bike-Friendly Business initiative and receiving positive feedback. The group discussed updating the list of bike-friendly businesses.
- The group inquired about the Carroll Street restriping. Nick said that the bike lane restriping had been delayed and rescheduled for the coming Thursday. Saujanya shared the design for the Carroll Street bike lane and crosswalk restriping. Aurelio asked about the current lane width before restriping and whether there are plans to add physical barriers. Nick said he was uncertain but that there might be plans to add flexible bollards. The group also asked if any changes were planned for the section between the Circle Avenue Bridge and the roundabout. Nick said he would follow up.
- Saraleigh inquired whether the administration would provide the traffic safety report regarding the pedestrian incident previously mentioned by the mayor. Nick said he had not heard any updates but would follow up and provide one when available.

6:30 PM- Meeting Adjourned