

BPAC JUNE 9, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

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>	A
John Sater, Committee Member <i>Term expires: 08/2028</i>	X
Saraleigh Monroe, Committee Member <i>Term expires: 04/2028</i>	X
Tom Horton, Committee Member <i>Term expires: 09/2028</i>	X
City Council	
Angela Blake, Council Liaison	A
City Staff Support	
Henry Pearson	X

BPAC reviewed the meeting minutes (5:30–5:32 p.m.)

- SaraLeigh Monroe: Motion
- John Sater: Second
- Henry Pearson: A quorum of prior attendees is needed. Will work around this.

BPAC reviewed and approved the meeting agenda (5:32–5:35 p.m.)

- Alexander McRae proposed changing the order of the agenda by moving New Business to the end of the meeting.
- Alexander McRae made the motion.
- Tom Horton seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Alexander McRae discussed recruiting members for BPAC:

- Updated BPAC that Silvan is compiling applications.
- Noted that 4 of the 7 members must be Salisbury City residents.
- Members of the BPAC questioned whether SaraLeigh Monroe lives within the city limits.
- John Sater inquired about the City of Salisbury's annexation policy.
 - Henry Pearson informed BPAC that the City is actively annexing areas on a case-by-case basis. However, it does not aggressively pursue annexation because the process is legally rigorous.

BPAC discussed progress on Open Meetings training:

- No updates from Silvan.
- Henry Pearson offered to send out the training link for other members to complete the training.

Alexander McRae offered to check the calendar for upcoming events in which BPAC could participate:

- BPAC discussed providing a Bike Valet at the upcoming 3rd Friday event (June 19, 2026).
- Alexander McRae offered to check on potential Bike Valet volunteers.

BPAC discussed the Ride of Silence, which occurred last month:

- Alexander McRae noted that there was a decent turnout, although perhaps not as many participants as last year.
- SaraLeigh Monroe expressed disappointment with the turnout.
- Members discussed the need for more social media outreach.
 - Henry Pearson reminded the committee that the City needs to review social media posts before they are published.
- Members suggested that SBY could expedite regular event posts.
- SaraLeigh Monroe stressed the need for greater committee attendance.

SaraLeigh Monroe stopped in to work on the petition for collective bargaining:

- Approved the meeting minutes.
- Tom Horton: "How do we start that?"
 - John Sater: "iPad and a web tool?"
 - Tom Horton: Talk to potential cyclists about bicycle and pedestrian safety and meet with them over several days.

Alexander McRae informed the committee about Bike to Work Day in May 2026:

- Spoke with Elise about Bike to Work Day, and she reported a decent turnout and a police escort during the event.

Alexander McRae recounted the BPAC Bike Valet on May 15:

- Gave away 25 helmets and bicycle lights.
- Tom Horton noted that the Portland, Oregon, Police Department distributes bicycle lights during patrols.
- Tom Horton suggested that tire-changing demonstrations would help raise awareness of BPAC's services.
- SaraLeigh Monroe mentioned that Tom Horton has offered to help people find safe and effective bicycle routes throughout the city.

Alexander McRae updated the committee about the Bike Friendly Business program, targeting a May 2027 launch.

John Sater proposed promoting a bicycle registry supported by the Salisbury Police Department to help deter bicycle theft:

- Tom Horton noted that there is no state law requiring pawn shops to report suspicious bicycles.
 - Tom recounted an instance in which Crazy Louis' refused to purchase one of his stolen bicycles from a thief. However, the bicycle was later seen for sale on eBay.

Alexander McRae discussed the potential for Salisbury to receive a "Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Area" designation through the BPPA program:

- Henry Pearson noted that the application would be due in August.
- Alexander McRae discussed potential qualifying areas, including City Park and the Salisbury University campus.
- John Sater made a motion to place the application on next week's agenda.
 - Alexander McRae seconded the motion, and it passed.
- Henry Pearson offered to contact the program.

BPAC spent the remaining time in open discussion:

- Tom Horton asked whether Perdue has a strong bicycling culture and whether its employees would be good participants in future events.

Adjournment

- Alexander McRae made a motion to adjourn.
- Tom Horton seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Announcements

- Henry Pearson announced that he is leaving his position with the City and that this may be his last BPAC meeting.