

Minutes for RBAC Meeting: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

7:00 – 9:00 pm, Webex meeting

In attendance online: *Wendy Aaronson, Bryan Barnett-Woods, Connie Bertka, Olivia Bobrowsky, Sophie Chan-Wood, Kyle Gallagher, Jake Jakubek, David Myles, Max Silverstone, Jonathan Solomon, Dave Stinchcomb, and Tracy Threefoot.*

At 7:06 pm, Jake announced that this meeting will be recorded. Requested approval of the minutes of the January meeting. Jonathan motioned and Tracy seconded. All approved.

Tracy attended the last **MCBAG** meeting and Jack Cochrane commended RBAC for the work for they do. Tracy also shared what RBAC does for those who were not aware.

Jake said that Shannon cannot attend. But she said the **Family Bike Fest** has been confirmed for Sunday, September 27.

Dave also mentioned he saw a flyer about a **movie screening** that RBH was hosting. Sophie will send details to the listserve to invite everyone to come see Lynn Salvo's movie.

Council Update (Councilmember David Myles)

- 1) **Snow removal** is still on-going and is a major concern currently.
- 2) Public hearings on **Budget** will be on March 9 and 23. Worksession will be on April 13. <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/services/budget/>
- 3) Sophie complimented the City on snow removal of the Carl Henn Millennium Trail along W Gude Drive. *Jake suggested emailing the Mayor and City Council about any concerns especially the good and positive notes.*

City Update (Bryan Barnett-Woods)

- 1) Feel free to email him any snow plowing concerns and he will direct them accordingly.
- 2) Fleet and Monroe Streets shared-use path/cycletrack design – procured a contract for and hope to start in March.
- 3) Rollins Avenue Complete Street report will be available later this month. Not enough space for bike lanes but may have other traffic calming measures like a pedestrian median.
- 4) Transit Within Reach (COG) project working to design for sharrows on Ardennes and Halpine and a cyclepath on Lewis Avenue between Halpine and Rockland.
- 5) Research Blvd shared-use path study and design project – Federal Highway Administration had grant agreement to look at this next month
- 6) League of American Bicyclists application process is open and submissions due in June – intern will work on and get RBAC input shortly
- 7) Maryland Highway Safety Office Grant – programmatic funds for flashing lights; front and rear bike lights; LAB Quick Start Cycling Guide and motor vehicles for safety materials to purchase for future events

- 8) February 17 – Bike Maryland’s Bike Summit in Annapolis – *Bryan will attend* and encourage others to attend as individual advocates
- 9) Having bicyclists use pedestrian crosswalk signal before the motor vehicles traffic light – there is a bill in state legislation right now.

Budget Discussion (Jake Jakubek)

- 1) Jonathan putting up signs for cyclists toward destinations and transportation hubs; Olivia and Kyle attended Twinbrook neighborhood meeting and got a request for signage to direct to Twinbrook Connector Trail; City has a **Wayfinding Signs** Plan that is being implemented now but checking to see if bike routes are included – *Can signs and routes be sponsored by “advertisers”?*
- 2) Max suggested **bike parking** at more areas; Wendy and Olivia had the contacted property owners at retail locations previously to install bike racks; Councilmember Myles suggested bringing up bike parking at Swim and Fitness Center at Community Forum.
- 3) Olivia requested advocating for **bikeshare station** at Swim and Fitness Center; agreement not to install bikeshare on Montgomery County Public School property; maybe install stations in City parks near schools
- 4) Money will be needed for **construction of biking projects** if not now then in the future, i.e., Fleet/Monroe shared-use path, Scott/Veirs shared-use path, Stonestreet Corridor project
- 5) Jake plans to speak at March 9 public hearing on budget – Kyle and Max volunteered-meeting starts at 6:30 pm and Community Forum starts about 10 to 15 minutes later
- 6) Olivia suggested writing a group letter – *Bryan can draft a letter for next month* – send ideas and suggestions to him

Next month’s meeting is in-person at City Hall – March 4 at 7 pm.

April 8 will be the following meeting due to Passover. Max will not attend since it’s the end of Passover.

Outreach (Max Silverstone)

- 1) Attended bike lane discussion for high school students – engineering students designing bike lane dividers with illumination – school located in Potomac not within the City
- 2) Executive Blvd Meeting – on Tuesday, February 10 at Luxmanor Elementary School; Max, Wendy and Jake will attend as individual advocates for bike lanes - <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dote/projects/ExecutiveBlvdBikeLanes/index.html>

2026 Bike Rides (Sophie Chan-Wood)

- 1) City Recreation Spring Guide ad published **Bike Month Kick-off Ride** on Saturday, May 2 with Sunday as a rain date. This short 6 to 7-mile group ride starts at 10 am at City Hall. Please sign-up to help in the Google doc: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tsC5QMuBafaefQLIS7asCwAF8SBMtEdsKyiomKr_mM0/edit?usp=sharing

- 2) **Tuesday night** June rides starts in King Farm; July rides starting at Silver Branch Brewery and August starts in Civic Center Park. Suggestions for new rides or leading rides are welcomed. Feel free to email Sophie.
- 3) The **Ride of Silence** will be on Wednesday, May 20 and meeting at 6:40 pm at Rockville library. Sophie will contact the police and get the permits needed.
- 4) Jake wondered if group rides should have a **heat protocol** – riders can self-regulate although there may be a liability issue – ride leaders can cancel if they are uncomfortable (just like rain); County guidelines for extreme heat emergency is 95 degrees are higher

RPAC Liaison Update (Dave Stinchcomb)

- 1) Checking in on status of the letter for Trader Joe traffic entrance – Jake will send back to Bryan for final submission
- 2) Dave will be talking to Mayor and City Council on budget items on behalf of RPAC
- 3) RPACers also concerned about snow removal especially pedestrian problem areas around schools

Tracy contacted Montgomery County Volunteer Center about putting RBAC as a listing to recruit participants. She is waiting to hear back from them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Chan-Wood