

Minutes for RBAC Meeting: Wednesday, September 3, 2025

7:00 – 9:00 pm, virtual Webex meeting

In attendance online: *Wendy Aaronson, Bryan Barnett-Woods, Olivia Bobrowsky, Sophie Chan-Wood, Jake Jakubek, Lynda Honberg, Bill Michie, David Myles, Shannon Shea, Max Silverstone and Jonathan Solomon,*

Jake started at 7:06 pm announcing that this meeting will be recorded. He asked for an approval of minutes from previous meeting. Jonathan motioned to approve the minutes with suggested changes and Wendy seconded. Jake requested any additions or changes to the agenda.

Max suggested left turn signals at N. Washington Street & Wood Lane into Trader Joe parking lot. He also wanted to discuss no right turns along Carl Henn Millennium Trail in a future meeting.

Bryan suggested rescheduling October meeting since it falls on Yom Kippur. Next RBAC meeting will be held on October 8.

City Council Update (Councilmember David Myles)

- 1) Update on **Vision Zero** from Bryan at this Monday's meeting, 9/8 starting at 7 pm
- 2) Discussed and heard **Rockville Bike Hub's** space request at the King Farm Farmstead
- 3) Increasing bike parking
- 4) Some federal cuts have affected funding (i.e. grant for design concept for Twinbrook access bridge) but lots of projects moving forward with state or pre-approved grants

City Update (Bryan Barnett-Woods)

- 1) Grant from Carbon Reduction Program for a feasibility and design for shared use path on **Research Blvd.** Application submitted with final decision on 9/17/25.
- 2) **E. Jefferson and Halpine Rd** project is moving with comments. Study to be completed by November/December. Repaving project would start next year
- 3) Separated bike lanes on Rollins and Congressional Lane moving forward on pavement schedule.
- 4) Improvements to **Mannakee Street** are being worked on. The roadway has been resurfaced, but the sharrows have not been striped yet.
- 5) Four **bike fix-it stations** with air pumps on concrete base will be installed in fall or winter
- 6) **Capital Bikeshare** stations – operations and maintenance are the most costly expense
- 7) **Martins Lane** near Swim Center will be resurfaced next summer to add bike lanes
- 8) Jake requested a support letter from RBAC to support a permanent space at King Farm for the Rockville Bike Hub

In-Person Meetings Schedule (Jake Jakubek)

- 1) Quarterly meetings with a video feed for virtual attendees – December, March, June, September
- 2) Bryan will look into bringing food/snacks for meeting at City Hall – **Blue Crab Room** already booked
- 3) Lynn offered her house for a possible future potluck meeting
- 4) Consider a light agenda including elections (in December) and see how it goes

2025 Bike Rides (Sophie Chan-Wood)

- 1) The **last Tuesday night ride** (on 8/26) had 29 participants with Max sweeping. We stopped at Trek for some refreshments and bathroom break. We added a stop to the Rockville Bike Hub with Connie talking about a nonprofit community bike shop.
- 2) Jake leading **Bike Party** on Sunday, 9/14 from Twinbrook Metro to end and attend the Family Bike Festival
- 3) **Carl Henn Memorial Ride** on Saturday, 10/4 starting at 10:30 am at Thomas Farm Community Center. Mark agreed to sweep and possibly Wendy to help.
- 4) **Halloween** and/or **Holiday Lights Ride** – with possible starts at the Trek store. Sunday, 11/2 is the Day of Dead after Halloween. Starting around 3 or 4 pm with costumes. Jake will help look up historical spooky sites in Rockville.
- 5) Adding check tire pressure according to the PSI labelled on their tires – add to the ride leader’s checklist. Other RBAC volunteers can remind people even before the ride safety speech.

Family Biking Festival (Shannon Brescher Shea)

- 1) Jake can provide a microphone and speaker versus the megaphone that WABA has.
- 2) Set-up starting at 12 noon before starting festival at 1 pm
- 3) Test rides, safety checks, bike parade, library RSVPed
- 4) Music thru speakers would need a permit
- 5) Volunteer responsibilities and sign-up here:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OujP1TAchXspjWbTjDcRh7OUpfAll5SP0itSa p4Gfjg/edit?usp=sharing>
- 6) WABA offers SSL hours for student volunteers. This event is replacing the Montgomery County Bike Summit.
- 7) Flyers can be left at City Hall to be picked up for distribution
- 8) Safe Routes to Schools and WABA will provide swap to give away
- 9) Three bike shops have agreed to attend (Pedago, College Park Bikes, Good Vibes Bike); need follow-up with Bike Center
- 10) DC News Now reporter will do a promo, WABA will send out media advisories to other local channels; school newsletters also promoting it
- 11) No rain date so the event is rain-or-shine (but thunder or storms may cancel). Long forecast looks good
- 12) Community groups: WABA (volunteer check-in table), RBAC, RBH, Rockville Library. Acts for Transit; Climate Action – Jake has RBAC banner and map
- 13) Looking for bike decoration donations, i.e. ribbons and streamers

RBAC Outreach Project (Olivia Bobrowsky)

- 1) Shannon and Sophie helped create a postcard to promote RBAC and rides all year round. Goal to be concise, easy and quick to read while making people want to learn more.
- 2) Replace group photo with a Carl Henn Millennium Trail sign; people on group rides are on the back side.
- 3) The City will not pay for services/printing for committees; many members agreed to contribute to the cost of printing; Olivia will provide a cost for 4x6" printed on both side for 250 copies for about \$66. She will pay for printing upfront to expedite the process and others can Venmo her.
- 4) RBAC suggestion box (at Family Bike Festival) needs to be created

Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee Update (Jake Jakubek on Dave Stincomb's behalf)

- 1) Pedestrian in a serious injury crash on Veirs Mill and Atlantic Ave:
<https://www.dcnnewsnow.com/news/local-news/maryland/montgomery-county/veirs-mill-road-closed-after-car-crash-in-rockville/>
- 2) City is still investigating this

Transportation and Mobility Commission is looking for an appointed member with bicycling experience. Any Rockville resident interested, please contact the City Clerk with your interest.
<https://www.rockvillemd.gov/123/Transportation-and-Mobility-Commission>

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Chan-Wood