

Minutes for RBAC Meeting: Wednesday, November 5, 2025

7:00 – 9:00 pm, virtual Webex meeting

In attendance online: *Wendy Aaronson, Bryan Barnett-Woods, Connie Bertka, Nancy Breen, Olivia Bobrowsky, Sophie Chan-Wood, Lynda Honberg, Jake Jakubek, Carol Kachadoorian, David Myles, Eric Schwinder, Shannon Shea, Max Silverstone, Jonathan Solomon, Dave Stinchcomb and Tracy Threefoot.*

At 7:03 pm, Jake welcomed everyone and announced that this meeting will be recorded. He asked for an approval of minutes from the October meeting. Olivia motioned to approve; Wendy seconded with the changes as suggested by Jake and Jonathan.

Jake also mentioned the new RBAC promotional postcard has been distributed and more are available for anyone who wants them.

Council Update (Councilmember David Myles)

- 1) Maryland Department of Transportation meeting to review regulations and request flexibility on state highway signs and speed regulations
- 2) King Farm Farmstead update – debate on parking but bike facilities requests have been acknowledged; Most costly model was suggested but allows for more flexible venue options
- 3) No turn on red signs in Town Square high-traffic areas and LPI (leading pedestrian intervals) where walk sign goes on before the car light turns green installed

50+ Cycling Survey (Carol Kachadoorian)

- 1) Founder of dbITilde Core, non-profit concentrating on older adults wellness and mobility
- 2) Survey in three-Parts (1) cycling history and preferences, (2) visual reference for biking facilities and usage, (3) online journal for photos and trips
- 3) Website for details - <https://dbiltidecore.org/50-cycling-survey/>
- 4) Survey aims to inform planning and improve bicycle facilities for older adults in various communities; Launched for older adults only in US five years ago and in year four in Canada
- 5) Looking to focus on communities and metropolitan areas; can include visuals from Rockville and customize for age 50+ cyclists
- 6) No target audience size but reaching those who bike in Rockville not necessary city residents

City Update (Bryan Barnett-Woods)

- 1) City has new website; Report a concern under Contact now
- 2) Bike Fix-it Racks are still on their way; bit longer than expected
- 3) Fleet and Monroe shared use path and cyclepath – looking for civil engineer
- 4) Rollins Ave Complete Streets project starting next month
- 5) Transit Within Reach Grant – questions about designed shared lane markings and shared bikeway path on Lewis Ave near Metro

- 6) Will look into the Veirs Mill Rd west of Twinbrook Pkwy to connect with the Twinbrook Connector Trail

Trader Joe's Entrance (Max Silverstone)

- 1) Parking lot entrance with pedestrian signal and bike lanes (near Wood Lane)
- 2) No left turn from parking lot between 5 pm to 6:30 pm (extending hours requested from Morguard, the property owner)
- 3) Suggested concave mirror or warning signal but would be a Morguard decision since this is not public right-of-way
- 4) Perhaps a Watch for Cyclists sign – City may not have say but RBAC bringing this up is good.
- 5) Several possible solutions were proposed to address concerns about cyclist and pedestrian safety at this location.

2025 Bike Rides (Sophie Chan-Wood)

- 1) Haunted History Ride on Sunday with Linda leading and Jake swept; made 5 stops with ghost stories; riders were mostly our Tuesday night regulars
- 2) Brenda at Trek Store suggested a holiday lights ride on Sunday, 12/28. Jake, Wendy and Lynda can help with route, leading and sweeping.
- 3) Riders survey to send out in December for the Meetup members
- 4) Jonathan and Sophie will be leading a group from Twinbrook Metro at 8:30 am to the [Ride For Your Life](#) in Bethesda and into downtown DC on Sunday, 11/16.
- 5) Jonathan, Max and Tracy attended WABA's ride on Old Georgetown Road bike lanes. About 16 riders biked from Executive Blvd to Cedar Lane. Planning to repeat this at 8:30 am the first Tuesday of each month, weather permitting.

RBAC Outreach Project (Olivia Bobrowsky)

- 1) RBAC postcards to be dropped off at community locations and to use as personal business cards
- 2) Shannon suggested RBAC members talk at community events, like neighborhood association meetings – Here is the sign-up list:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tsC5QMuBafaefQLIS7asCwAF8SBMtEdsKyio mKr mM0/edit?usp=sharing>
- 3) Suggested tabling at Hometown Holidays and other community events, like Twinbrook Day or Lincoln Park parade– but the Farmers Market was not as successful; Bryan can provide a list of such annual events to plan for next year

Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee Update (Dave Stinchcomb)

- 1) At last meeting, Dave mentioned Trader Joe intersection and they were willing to support safety measures that RBAC suggests

Election & In-Person Meeting (Jake Jakubek)

- 1) Next month meeting's will be in Blue Crab Room with Zoom and camera features available. Food and non-alcoholic drinks are allowed in City Hall.

- 2) But potluck might be tight for the space; options for another time. Bring snacks instead.
- 3) Elections for Chair or Vice Chair positions, please send Bryan your nominations. Jake will send a list of who are eligible; Bryan will let the nominees know so they can accept or decline.

Shannon announced the **2nd Annual Family Bike Festival** will be on September 13, 2026 from 1 pm to 3 pm. But this can change to Sunday, 9/20 due to Rosh Hashanah. She will reach out to WABA and the City.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Chan-Wood