

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee Notes

Date:	1/26/2012	Meeting start:	7:40 p.m.
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In attendance:			
Chris Giovino	Virginia Lester	George Lester	Steve Harte
Nora Loughnane	Paul Sicard	Michael Kraft	Steve Olanoff
Wendy Muellers			

Routine Business

Minutes from December were approved.

Updates from Previous Meeting

1. Steve Olanoff and Wendy Muellers are continuing to oversee the installation process for the bike racks secured by MAPC grants. 4 inverted U racks still need to be installed at the MBTA station. Steve Olanoff has had discussions with the MBTA about installation. They need to be installed by March 31, 2012 for reimbursement of the first round of racks ordered. There are 5 racks yet to be installed from the second order. That order has the same installation deadline.
2. Other updates from the December meeting were tabled until the February meeting.

New Business

1. We discussed possibilities for our committee's involvement in the September 22, 2012 Westwood Day. It seems that committee members are interested in designing an activity that holds the interest of children so that we can have time to chat with adults about our committee's work. A number of ideas were brainstormed. Some of the possibilities and agreements we came to:
 - a. Paul Sicard mentioned that we can borrow the Safety Town buildings and traffic lights.
 - b. We'd like to have an activity for young children using Safety Town. We discussed the issue of bike helmets and decided it wouldn't be feasible to share helmets, nor would many children bring helmets with them. For this reason, we are thinking of having one or two battery powered cars that children can sit in and drive in the "town".
 - c. Possibly having a demo bicycle so that we can display/discuss safety features of the bike.

- d. Possibly having a bike check area for older children, manned by an employee of Landry's.
- e. Bike event could be held at the Senior Center as long as there are other activities there.
- f. What would we do to publicize our group? Photos of bike racks (including bike racks being used), trails, Hanlon signs, Walk to School Wednesdays, content from other groups that have presented to us, draft of Dedham-Westwood plan if possible, GIS maps of trails
- g. Portable bike racks should be available for our area.
- h. We will need power if we want to run a slideshow of the photos mentioned above.
- i. Possibly hand out trail maps: Hale, Noanet Woods, Adams Farm, Bay Circuit Trail, Milford Upper Charles Trail
- j. Possibly a Mass Bike representative in attendance: 617-542-BIKE, massbike.org
- k. We could have a handout similar to the report for the Town Report- town report on one side, trailhead map on other side.

Nora Loughnane is looking into a battery operated car or two for the activity. We will focus on narrowing down ideas at a future meeting.

- 2. There was some interest in having a representative from the Milford Upper Charles Trail attend one of our meetings.
- 3. The report from our committee for the Westwood Annual Town Report is due in early March. No volunteers stepped forward to work on a first draft of our report.

Action Needed for Next Meeting

- 1. Nora will look into the battery-powered cars.
- 2. Steve Harte will contact Taryn Crocker about our continued interest in Westwood Day.
- 3. Steve Olanoff and Wendy Muellers will continue their work on bike rack installation.
- 4. Begin work on Town Report for next meeting. At the very least, committee members should bring ideas for the report to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be the the 23rd of February at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Harte