

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee Notes

Date:	7/26/2012
Meeting start:	7:45 p.m.

In attendance:			
Kela Klosi	Steve Harte	Paul Sicard	Steve Olanoff
George Lester	Virginia Lester	Nora Loughnane	

Routine Business

Minutes from June were approved.

Updates from Previous Meeting

1. Based on last month's meeting and recent events in town, we discussed the East Street bridge area in more detail. Issues with accidents at the bridge have prompted some good discussions in town. It is clear that some day the bridge will need to be replaced due to age. It is likely at that point that the MBTA would make it wider and taller. Paul Sicard shared ideas of possible solutions to the concerns raised at last month's meeting:
 - a sign that could be posted at the traffic light at the intersection of Washington Street and East Street. The sign could warn trucks about the height of the bridge and clearly mark No Right Turn for the trucks. This type of sign could be mounted up high near the traffic lights to catch the attention of truck drivers.
 - a No Turn on Red LED sign that could illuminate when a pedestrian activates the crosswalk signal
 - large No Trucks signs prior to East Street (on the rotary island)
 - reconfiguring the sidewalks so that pedestrians don't have to cross the street multiple times to walk from Islington center up East Street
 - pedestrian-activated flashing lights at East Street and Carroll Avenue crosswalk
 - audible Walk signals at East Street and Washington Street to catch the attention of drivers as well as pedestrians

New Business

1. John Craine and Wendy Muellers attended a Planning Board meeting in July. The presentation went well. The Planning Board invited our Committee to be involved in the plans for University Station. It will be important to connect the pedestrian access points at the four corners of the proposed development. There should be access to all four corners of the development from within the development area.
2. George Lester shared a concept of the Bike Rack game for Westwood Day. He is designing a board with 12 photographs and 12 locations so that guests can interact with the game. Other ideas for photographs should be sent to George.
3. Westwood Day Planning. We would like to have 2-3 battery-powered cars to use with the Safety Town buildings. Nora may be able to get one car through her contact and we will need to borrow the others. Anyone with a lead on where to borrow cars from, please let us know. Virginia has pamphlets for the table and George's Bike Rack game will be ready. The idea of a raffle for bike items from a store was floated. We can use tape or chalk for the crosswalks and other areas. Virginia is talking with Dedham Bike Shop about donations. George will look into borrowing a pop-up tent for the day.

Action Needed for Next Meeting

1. Steve Harte will send out a request for a subcommittee to work on Westwood Day plans.
2. Paul Sicard will look into pavement marking options for the Westwood Day event.
3. Write a draft of an announcement to make at each of the Curriculum Nights to get representatives from Downey, Martha Jones and Deerfield.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be the the 30th of August at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Harte