

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee Notes

Date:	3/24/2011
Meeting start:	7:38 p.m.

In attendance:			
John Craine	Michael Kraft	Steve Olanoff	George Lester
Steve Harte	Virginia Lester	Suzanne Becker	Wendy Muellers

Routine Business

Minutes from February were approved

Updates

1. Discussion of possible locations for installation of bike racks at the Islington T station. We need to inventory which bike racks have been installed and which ones need to be installed. All installation must take place by March 31, 2012. Reimbursement requests must be submitted by May 15, 2012. Eleven racks were ordered for: Thurston Middle School, Downey, Sheehan, School Street Playground, Town Hall, Islington Library, Islington Municipal Parking Lot, Islington T Station. Steve Olanoff will take charge of this project.
2. Virginia Lester shared a draft of a comment form for use at the Senior Center. Virginia will share a draft of her form with Mike Jaillet prior to posting it at the Senior Center.
3. We now have a section on our website where the public can submit comments directly to our committee.
4. We will not be discussing the issue of Chair until after the Selectmen complete their review of all town committees later this spring. In the interim, Vice Chair Michael Kraft will be leading the meetings.

New Business

1. Discussion of other locations where we would like to install bike racks. Quotes for additional bike racks must be submitted to MAPC for approval by June 30, 2011. Orders must be placed by July 31, 2011. Members are asked to provide ideas on other locations at our next meeting.
2. Discussion of the ideas raised from the Idea Scale site. It was decided that the data needs to be organized in a different way before we spend time analyzing it. John Craine volunteered to take on this task.
3. One idea raised would be to form a subcommittee to audit the status of streetlights: lights that are out and lights that need to be brighter. The committee could also look for areas that are not sufficiently lit. Of particular concern are crosswalks. Wendy Muellers volunteered to be in charge of this.
4. We discussed drainage issues on the new walking path at the corner of Gay Street and Fox Hill Street. The town is aware of this issue and the Town Engineer and the developer are looking at options for improving the path in this area.
5. Discussion of our involvement with the comprehensive planning process.

Upcoming Dates

1. May 4 is the Safe Routes to Schools Spring Walk.
2. PMC Kids Ride is Sunday, May 15.

Action Needed for Next Meeting

1. Wendy Muellers will speak to Ken Aries about installation of bike racks at the schools.
2. All members will investigate possible locations for bike racks through the MAPC program.
3. John Craine will work on reorganizing the information from the Idea Scale site.
4. Virginia Lester will share a draft of her form for use at the Senior Center with Mike Jaillet.
5. Steve Harte will investigate adding a link to the MAPC Regional Pedestrian Plan on the Resources section of our website. www.mapc.org/smart-growth/transportation/bike-ped-projects
6. Wendy Muellers will look into the cost of the signs at Hanlon School in anticipation of writing a grant for some Share the Road signs in town.
7. Michael Kraft will check in with Mike Jaillet to see if we need to report any information to the Selectmen.

For next meeting

1. Consider other sites for bike racks.
2. Further exploration of ideas generated from Idea Scale site.
3. Review other action items from this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Next meeting will be the 28th of April at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Stephen Harte