

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee Notes

Date:	3/22/2012
Meeting start:	7:40 p.m.

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

Routine Business

Minutes from February were approved.

Updates from Previous Meeting

1. More of the bike racks have been installed. Two of the bike racks have been installed by the MBTA at the Islington station. There is one rack that needs to be located and installed.

New Business

1. May 19th is the WEAC collection event, 8:00-12:00, at the Carby Street building. Electronics, large rigid plastic items, styrofoam, textiles (rugs, sneakers, stuffed animals, comforters) will be collected. Bikes Not Bombs will be there to collect bicycles. WEAC is looking for 4-5 volunteers to work with them in dismantling the bicycles. Interested volunteers should contact Wendy Muellers at wgmuelers@gmail.com.
2. Kids PMC Ride event. We would like to create a brochure/flyer for parents. The publication could include information about bike racks and advocacy for safe pedestrian routes. We could also include our mission statement, recommendations from MAPC, ongoing initiatives and committee member names. We would need volunteers to be at a table, possibly from 8:00-11:30. John Craine, Wendy Muellers and Steve Harte all indicated interest in being there. We should have a signup sheet for people who are interested in learning more or volunteering. If possible, we could have an Internet connection so that people can sign up for our minutes on the spot.

3. Special guests from MAPC were Sarah Kurpiel, Transportation Engineer, and David Loutzenheiser Transportation Planner. They have been looking at sidewalks and bicycle and pedestrian connections between Westwood and Dedham. They are not looking to change widths of roads but looking to reallocate existing roadways- working with what is there. There will be no funding from MAPC for implementation of their recommendations. The grant pays for their study and development of a plan. The hope is the plan would be slowly implemented over time with existing town funds. The plan will include short-term and long-term goals. David shared the results of his study to date and asked for input about what we would like to see in a plan.

To see an interactive cycling and pedestrian map of the area on the MAPC website, visit trailmap.mapc.org

Action Needed for Next Meeting

1. John Craine and Steve Harte will work on a draft of a publication to be used at the Westwood Kids PMC Ride.
2. John Craine will identify issues from the bicycle and pedestrian spreadsheet to send to Sarah Kurpiel.
3. John Craine will forward the Westwood Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities map to Steve Harte for distribution to the group.
4. Steve Harte will facilitate distribution of ideas to Sarah Kurpiel.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Next meeting will be the the 26th of April at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Harte