

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee Notes

Date:	5/26/2011
Meeting start:	7:45 p.m.

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

Routine Business

Minutes from April were approved

Updates from Previous Meeting

1. Steve Harte has supplied minutes to Mike Jaillet and will continue to do so.
2. Steve Harte has reached out to the PTO's of the Deerfield, Thurston Middle, and Westwood High Schools about representation on the committee. He has not heard back.
3. Wendy Muellers is researching pricing of the emotive traffic signage located around the Hanlon School. She is investigating costs of other types of signage as well.
4. John Craine has revised the Idea Scale Spreadsheet for eaiser sortability. Attendees at tonight's meeting all agreed that the new format is much easier to use.
5. Virginia Lester has had no response to her flyers she dropped off at the Senior Center

New Business

Virginia LeClair, Environmental Coordinator, was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

MAPC Bike Parking Program:

Key Dates:

June 30, 2011 – Order Approval Due

March 31, 2012 – All bike racks **MUST** be installed in order to be reimbursed through the program

The committee voted to have Steve Olanoff and Wendy Muellers complete an inventory of racks already received through the program and determine which have been successfully installed. They will report back to the committee at the June 23 meeting. At that meeting, new locations for new racks will be voted upon so we can meet the June 30, 2011, application deadline.

Several racks are waiting to be installed:

1. Islington Station – 2 racks. Westwood's DPW needs permission in order to install on MBTA property. Steve Olanoff is trying to contact MBTA Management to determine where these racks will be installed. If he does not get a definitive response by mid-June, 2011, we will relocate those racks to other places in town (see below for a list of proposed locations).
2. Thurston Middle School – currently have 1 new rack from the program and Vice Principal Rich Bernazzani has indicated he would like another. The old racks are rusted out and need to be replaced and moved to a better location (closer to the walkway).
3. School St. Playground – Steve Olanoff is in agreement with the DPW on location of the racks and the racks will be installed by mid-June.

Potential locations for new bike racks:

1. The Senior Center – would serve well for visitors to the center and users/attendees of the the nearby sporting fields
2. The Tot Lot
3. Carby Street
4. Hanlon School
5. Hanlon Fields
6. Martha Jones School (Suzanne Becker confirmed with Peggy Scott – who confirmed with Ken Aries – that she has space for a permanent rack. Currently the MJ School has 2 permanent and 1 movable bike racks)
7. Thurston Middle School – currently have 1 new rack from the program and Vice Principal Rich Bernazzani has indicated he would like another.

All bike racks purchased through MAPC's program must be **PERMANENTLY** installed.

Committee Member Terms

Selectmen would like to begin staggering terms for members of our committee. Preferences of committee members:

1 Year

Suzanne Becker
George Lester
Virginia Lester

2 Year

Wendy Muellers (no preference)

3 Year

Steve Olanoff

TBD

Steve Harte
Kela Klosi
Michael Kraft

Intersection of Washington and East Streets – Right Turn on Red

Paul Sicard discussed new signage in Needham at busy intersections where a Right Turn on Red is allowed. When the pedestrian pushes the “walk” button, the sign lights up with “No Turn on Red”. He would like a sign like this by the Islington Fire Station for cars turning RIGHT onto East Street from Washington Street.

Action Needed for Next Meeting

1. Steve Olanoff and Wendy Muellers will inventory bike racks received through the MAPC Bike Parking Program.
2. Wendy Muellers will continue to research pricing of signage.

For next meeting

1. Review action items from last meeting
2. Complete MAPC Bike Parking Program Application
3. Determine Committee Member Term lengths (1-, 2-, or 3-year)

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, Suzanne Becker