

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee Notes

Date:	5/24/2012
Meeting start:	7:35 p.m.

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

Routine Business

Minutes from April were approved.

Updates from Previous Meeting

1. John Craine shared a draft of the publication for the PMC Kids Ride. Virginia Lester shared two informational leaflets that we could use on our table at the event. George Lester has a shelter ready to go if rain is in the forecast. Wendy Muellers will supply the table for the event. Steve Harte will supply an easel for the event.
2. Michael Kraft reported on a possible traffic calming method for Thatcher Street. John Craine and Michael Kraft spoke with someone involved in a similar project in Minneapolis on a road which services 4000 cars a day and 300 bicycles a day. The road where this solution is being used has experienced a drop in accidents. The project drew a strong positive response from the neighbors in this area. Michael and John will continue to pursue a meeting with the DPW.

New Business

1. Virginia Lester shared a concern about the condition of the Route 109 bridge over Route 95. There are large cracks in the road which make bicycle commuting difficult. Steve Olanoff may be able to facilitate the funneling of information to the engineer involved in this project.
2. Virginia Lester shared information about MassBike school education programs. She shared literature that could be distributed to the school principals in the fall.

3. Virginia Lester shared information about the Albert Lester Memorial Bike Ride. This event will occur on June 2, starting at Sheehan School at 10:00. There will be a 23-mile and 30-mile ride. The rides will travel through Westwood, Walpole, Medfield, Millis and Dover.
4. There was a discussion about the recent accident at the East Street Bridge. It was decided that we should have a more open discussion at our June meeting.
5. George Lester shared a prototype of the “Where are the Bike Racks?” game for Westwood Day. The response from the committee was positive.
6. Steve Olanoff shared information about a speaker, Mark Fenton, at a recent MAPC event. He spoke on the topic “Planning for Free Range Kids”, combining public health, walking and zoning. There was some interest in having Mark come to Westwood as a guest speaker.

Action Needed for Next Meeting

1. Michael Kraft will schedule a meeting with Vicki Quiram next week.
2. John Craine will speak with Nora Loughnane about attending the June 12th or 19th Planning Board meeting.
3. Steve Harte will invite interested residents from the East Street Bridge area to attend our June meeting.
4. Steve Harte will check to see if Paul Sicard can attend our next meeting.
5. Steve Olanoff will forward information on the Albert Lester Memorial Ride to Steve Harte who will distribute to the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Harte