

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee Notes

Date:	9/20/2012
Meeting start:	7:35 p.m.

In attendance:			
John Craine	Paul Sicard	Wendy Muellers	Nora Loughnane
George Lester	Virginia Lester	Chris Giovino	Steve Harte

Routine Business

Minutes from August were approved.

Updates from Previous Meeting

1. Plans for Westwood Day:

- John is not sure that we are getting a table, so he is providing 2 tables.
- Several people will bring folding chairs.
- Wendy will talk to Mike Reardon at the Fire Station about a line painting wheel.
- Nora is bringing 5 plasma cars and Chris will bring 2 plasma cars.
- John and Wendy will bring brooms.
- Chris is bringing a chalk line.
- Virginia showed everyone all of the raffle prizes: 2 helmets, patch kits, reflectors, safety vest, flashing bike light. She also received a large donation from an East Street resident.
- Wendy will talk to Taryn at the Rec. Dept. to find out what time the buildings for Safety Town will be delivered.
- Wendy will print up lottery tickets (300-400) and cut them up.
- George demonstrated his bike rack matching game.

New Business

1. Paul Sicard talked about plans that have been proposed for better signage along East Street. Some of the old signs will be removed. There will be signs at the East Street rotary and on Washington Street warning trucks about the low clearance. Crosswalks have been repainted with hash marks. There was some concern about distracting drivers with too much signage close to the bridge and the pedestrian crossings. Morrison Park is also looking to improve pedestrian flow out of the field and onto Washington Street. Signage will be paid for through department budgets. If approved, LED signs and sensors would be paid for by the MBTA.
2. George Lester reminded us of the law that other states have passed requiring 3 feet or more in order to pass a bicyclist.
3. Nora reported that the MAPC will present the final draft of the new Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to the Planning Board on October 2nd. There was discussion around possible changes to Thatcher Street. Paul Sicard suggested that this type of solution would be better in an area where there is a lot of bicycle traffic. Nora reported that the MAPC plan will be the 3rd item on the agenda.

Action Needed for Next Meeting

1. We need at least one committee member to attend the October 1st meeting of the Selectmen for the presentation of solutions to the East Street Bridge area.
2. We need at least one committee member to attend the October 2nd meeting of the Planning Board for the MAPC presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be the the 25th of October at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes provided by Wendy Muellers