

City of Essex Junction
Bike/Walk Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2023

Meeting Attendees: Micah Hagan, Chris Kline, Mark Breslin, Tacy Lincoln, Russ Miller-Johnson, Philip Bieber, Eric Bowker, Marcus Certa

Meeting Called to Order: at 7:05 p.m.

Meeting Minutes: Tacy Lincoln volunteered to take minutes for the meeting. Minutes from the July 17, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

RRFB Update: The options for the next RRFB installation included: Lincoln and Central Streets; Lincoln and North Streets; and Church and Main Streets. In discussing the “pros and cons” of each location, the Committee unanimously voted to have the RRFB installed at the Lincoln and North Street site.

Sidewalk Inventory and Assessment: There was general agreement that the Committee would like to be involved in further discussion of the City’s plan to address areas that are in need of sidewalk repair and/or replacement.

Future BWAC Projects: Below is the list of projects/activities that were discussed. Additionally, the Committee plans to continue to explore involvement with other programs and organizations that promote biking and/or walking in the greater Burlington area.

- Bike Rack Inventory - members of the BWAC will conduct an informal assessment of existing racks as well as make recommendations as to where racks are needed.
- Installation of a public water station - will require further discussion with City planning folks but Phil suggested looking into sponsorship options to defray cost.
- Bike Valet Services -to provide attendees at various events with assistance in safely and securely parking bikes.
- Posting Bike/Walk Pathway Maps in key locations around the City.
- Lamoille Rail Trail Repair Assistance - Chris will investigate ways in which the Committee might support the efforts to repair the rain damage on the trail.
- General Outreach and Education Programs - to encourage kids and adults to ride together; to promote “rules of the road” awareness for drivers; advocate alternatives to using vehicles.
- Access to Bikes - Marcus asked about the availability and access to bikes for those who do not have one. Mark informed the Committee that EJRP has a supply of bikes that to ensure kids participating in EJRP programs have a bike to use. It is possible that these bikes could be loaned for other events but the logistics need to be discussed. This item segued into the next agenda item.

EJRP/Local Motion E-Bike Lending Library: In mid-September Local Motion will provide 3 E-Bikes that will be available for use through a registration process that EJRP will oversee. More details will be forthcoming.

Next BWAC Meeting: September 18 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:06 p.m.