

VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014 AT 6:00 PM
LINCOLN HALL MEETING ROOM

AGENDA

- Minutes Review.
- Division of work on League of American Bicyclists Award Application.
- Discussion of Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan.
- Presentation from Rosalind on Portland OR.
- Discussion on crosswalk improvements and marking.
- Public input.
- Group picture at loop detector location.

MINUTES SUBJECT TO CORRECTION BY THE ESSEX JUNCTION BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE. CHANGES, IF ANY, WILL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 16, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Hamlin, Phoebe Spencer, Jud Lawrie, Jeff Frolik, Rosalind Hutton, Eric Bowker

ADMINISTRATION: Darby Mayville, Community Relations and Economic Development Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rick at 5:59 PM.

2. AGENDA ADDITONS

None.

3. MINUTES REVIEW

Two spelling errors were asked to be corrected.

MOTION by JUD, SECOND by PHOEBE, to approve the May minutes, with changes. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

5. DIVISION OF WORK ON BIKE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES APPLICATION

Jud stated that he was hoping to identify committee members who would be willing to take on segments of the application. He hopes to distill the recommendations from the previous application into a table in order to identify what can and cannot be completed at this time. It is also important to start connecting with other partners, and gathering other support material, such as photos. Rosalind said that she would be willing to take photos for the application. Jud mentioned that the League of American Bicyclists had a quick assessment tool on their website which could be helpful in this process. Phoebe also said that she would be willing to help with the application process. Jeff asked to see the previous application to get a sense of the scope of work before he committed to the project.

Rick mentioned that the Town and Village are working to create a Bike/Walk Master Plan. This should be finalized soon, and can be used as a tool in creating a Village specific plan.

Jeff said that community input for this process could be gained at the Farmer's Market this summer. The group then began to discuss the Farmer's Market rides. They hope to get a group of people together to go on group rides during end of the Farmer's Market. Jeff said that he intends to have a map available for residents to discuss potential bike/ped routes or problem spots.

The group decided that the first ride will be held on June 27th, and will begin at 6:30 PM. It will be about 2-3 miles in length and at a speed all can enjoy.

6. PRESENTATION BY ROSALIND ON PORTLAND, OR

Rosalind said that Portland had an impressive website dedicated to alternative transportation. There is clearly a strong amount of community support for biking and walking. Highly detailed maps are available on this website in multiple languages. The website even contains maps letting commuters know where they can find bike racks. Rosalind said that every Sunday morning several streets are shut down for family rides, called Parkway Rides. Portland also has multi-modal maps showing viewers how to get to certain destinations through different modes.

The group agreed that good maps are important in the development of a Master Plan.

The group began to discuss the idea of “guerilla signage,” which has been appearing in other communities. This is not sponsored by the government, but is done by private citizens. This would state the amount of time that it would take to walk or bike to a popular destination. It may also include a QR code for use with smartphones.

7. DISCUSSION ON CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS & MARKING

Rosalind said that she had noticed that Public Works has started this process, but that it seems to be stalled. Rick said that this was probably because they had completed all the crosswalks that they could during the day, and needed to start scheduling night paintings. Rosalind said that she thought that this should be done at the beginning of the summer, rather than the end. Rick said that he would bring this concern to Public Works.

8. PUBLIC INPUT

Jeff asked Rick if he had heard anything more about opening up the Circ for bicycling? Rick said that it was off the table due to current laws.

Phoebe said that Local Motion is looking for Front Porch Forum ambassadors. Local Motion sends monthly postings to these individuals, and they can post them to their respective Front Porch Forum if they wish. Rick encouraged all members to consider signing up.

9. GROUP PICTURE AT LOOP DETECTOR LOCATION

A picture was taken of the group at the loop detector on the corner of Iroquois Avenue and Park Street.

10. MEETING SCHEDULE

Next meeting

- July 15, at 6 PM.

Agenda Items

- Minutes Review
- Discussion on Bicycle Friendly Communities Application
- Presentation by Rick on New York City
- Discussion of Potential Budget for FYE16
- Review and Update Short, Medium, and Long Term Committee Goals
- Public Input

11. ADJOURNMENT

Rick said that he would like to adjourn the formal meeting to take a picture of the group with the loop detector on Iroquois Ave.

MOTION by JEFF, SECOND by ROSALIND to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Darby Mayville