

VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION

BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015 AT 5:45 PM

AGENDA

1. Minutes Review;
2. Capital Projects;
3. Summer Events;
4. LAB Application Status
5. Public Input

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Hamlin, Micah Hagan, Jud Lawrie, Eric Bowker, Jeff Frolik

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Meyer

1. PUBLIC INPUT (While we waited for another member to arrive)

The committee heard from Village resident Nick Meyer regarding his interest in walkability in the Village. He stated that he was concerned about safety and wanted to find out what the committee was planning for increased walkability.

Rick described the projects we have discussed and specifically mentioned the two projects currently planned ply the crossing beacon coming to Maple Street across from the park.

Rick also described the signage the committee has created and put up on streets around the village listing distances and times for various prominent locations.

Furthermore, Rick mentioned that 11' lanes will also be a part of new planning in the Village.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Rick called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM when Jeff Frolik arrived.

Nick Meyer informed the committee that the Planning Commission wants to find a way for the Bike/Walk and Tree Committees to be able to provide input.

Rick then thanked Nick for coming and sharing his thoughts with the group.

3. MINUTES REVIEW

Some slight changes to the minutes were made: Rick was the person who offered to create the Flyer for the Cycle de Mayo Event. Micah suggested we remove the words especially from item #6 and change the word "guerrilla" to "time to walk."

MOTION BY JEFF, SECOND BY JUD TO APPROVE THE AMENDED MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 28TH MEETING. MOTION PASSED.

3. AGENDA ITEMS ADDED BY RICK: GRANT OPPORTUNITY

4. GRANT OPPORTUNITY - CAPITAL PROJECTS

Rick let the committee know that there is a real possibility for grant funds to build the connector across the tracks through the State owned land off of West Street. There is support from the Bike/Walk Committee and a scope and study done by UVM students. With these two things in place, Jon Kaplan, from the VTrans said that the project now seems ready for a grant application. Robin Pierce, Development Director from the Village said that if the committee supports the project, then he would send it forward.

Jeff asked if we should make a motion to recommend this project to the Village Trustees and authorize them to go ahead with the Grant and that committee would assist the the grant.

5. RICK REMINDED MEMBERS THAT WE NEED TO PAY ROSALIND FOR THE T-SHIRTS FRO THE CYCLE DE MAYO EVENT.

6. CYCLE DE MAYO DEBRIEF

The committee commented that perhaps their should be an age minimum for the slow roll ride and/or perhaps two different loops. Another suggestion was that if we are to do it again next year, we should start planning soon. Rick asked that we make a motion to produce the event again next year.

MOTION BY JUD, SECOND BY MICAHA TO PRODUCE THE CYCLE DE MAYO EVENT AGAIN NEXT YEAR. MOTION PASSED.

Jud raised the question as to wether we constitute an "action" committee or an "advisory" committee?

Micah will write a short piece for the Essex Reporter with pictures to highlight the event.

Eric will write Thank You cards for Earl's Cyclery & Fitness, Ryan Dudley (the DJ) and EJRP.

7. SUMMER EVENTS - 5 CORNERS FARMER'S MARKET RIDES

Rick posed the question if the committee was interested in working with the 5 Corner's Farmer's Market to produce a weekly slow ride. Jeff suggested that we try for the month of June (4 weeks) and see how that goes. The committee agreed with the concept and Rick said he would contact Lori Houghton and let her know we were interested in doing this. Rick volunteered to

lead the first ride on June 5th. Jeff also suggested that the Block Party might provide another good opportunity for a slow ride.

8. LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS AWARD STATUS

Jud suggested that in anticipation of the upcoming announcement of the recipients of the awards, the committee might want to plan ahead and create a plan on how best to spread the word should the Village receive an award.

9. NEXT MEETING & AGENDA

Next Meeting: June 15th at 5:45 PM.

Agenda Items: TBD

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY JUD, SECOND BY JEFF TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Eric Bowker.