

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016 AT 5:45 PM
LINCOLN HALL MEETING ROOM
AGENDA**

1. Minutes Review
2. Cycle de Mayo follow-up
3. Next Goals for the Committee
4. Public Input

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
May 16, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Hamlin, Jud Lawrie, Micah Hagan, Phoebe Spencer, Jeff Frolik (via Skype)

ADMINISTRATION: Darby Mayville, Community Relations/Economic Development Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Rick called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

2. AGENDA ADDITONS

None.

3. MINUTES REVIEW

MOTION BY JUD, SECOND BY MICAH TO ACCEPT APRIL MEETING MINUTES. MOTION PASSED.

4. CYCLE DE MAYO FOLLOW-UP

Rick brought up some comments that Raj had made via e-mail. Raj thought that the committee should consider moving the event, because Cycle de Mayo had to compete with numerous other events. He suggested tying it in with a larger event, such as the Memorial Day Parade.

Jud noted that many people were out of town on Memorial Day weekend. He added that there would be competition from other events most weekends during the spring and summer.

Micah noted that there was more going on than usual on this particular weekend, due to Green Up Day, a lacrosse tournament, and Kid's Day.

Rick noted that many people stopped by briefly, but did not stay very long. He said that it might be advisable to try for the second Saturday in May next year, so that the event is not competing with Green Up Day.

Rick noted that it would be helpful to have a sign-in table next year.

Micah noted that the hot dog vendor seemed happy with the turnout, and made around 30-40 sales.

Jud said that he was happy with the social media exposure, but was disappointed that the Essex Reporter chose not to include anything about the event.

The committee discussed the event location, and decided that they had a much more visible spot last year when they were in the front of the parking lot. Jeff noted that they did not seem to gain much by being closer to the pump track.

Rick noted that he thought that the route of the slow ride was good. Jeff said that the slow ride took about 45 minutes this year, and that it might be useful to shorten it.

The committee decided to start the slow ride earlier next year, so that it would be finished up in time for the event to end at its scheduled time.

Rick said that it would be nice to have a DJ next year, as it helped to give the event a more festive feel. Jeff suggested having a posted schedule, which could also be used in PR prior to the event. Phoebe suggested including more adult educational aspects to Cycle de Mayo.

Phoebe mentioned that it was nice to have other bike groups, such as Del's Ride and the Fellowship of the Wheel, at Cycle de Mayo. Rick said that it would be good to have a biking group, such as the Tweed Riders, join in on next year's event.

Darby mentioned a concern about the event name that had come in through the Cycle de Mayo Facebook event page. Rick said that Raj would bring this issue up to a diversity committee at UVM.

Darby volunteered to send thank you notes to event volunteers.

All agreed that the event was worthwhile.

5. NEXT GOALS FOR THE COMMITTEE

Rick brought up the most recent goals list, from the January 2016 meeting. He let the committee know that the state has changed their paving schedule, and will only be paving Lincoln Street in summer of 2016. As a result, this will change the timing of the committee's goal to include bike lanes with newly paved roads.

Jeff suggested having a fall event, possibly to coincide with the opening of the new multi-use path by the railroad tracks. All agreed that doing some type of ride in the fall was a good idea.

Rick suggested working on adding some Village businesses to the list of Bike Friendly businesses. He said that his company (Hamlin Engineering) would be interested in completing the application. Micah said that the Firebird Café might be interested in applying as well.

Jud suggested that the committee focus on improving bike parking. Rick noted that there is currently a VTrans grant program that could help fund this venture, and Phoebe mentioned that the Go! Vermont grant could be used for this purpose as well.

Jeff suggested adding a bike corral near the Five Corners Farmers Market area. Darby said that she would get in touch with the Market committee to see if they could provide a contact at the Federal building to ask permission to put one there. Other locations for improved bike racks include local schools and the train station. Rick also offered to talk to the owner of Rocky's to see if he would be interested in upgrading his bike rack.

Micah will do some research on bike rack best practices and will report to the committee at the next meeting. This will be a medium-term goal for the committee.

The committee then discussed the goal of improving bike maps for Essex Junction. Rick said that it is important to consider what we would like to have included on the maps.

Phoebe noted that a UVM GIS professor might be interested in having their class project do some mapping for Essex Junction. She also made the committee aware of an app called Trial Finder that would help with this project.

Rick said that a solid inventory would be important for this project. At the next meeting, the committee will take a large map and try to map out routes, as well as riding obstructions. This will be a short-term goal.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

7. NEXT MEETING & AGENDA

The next meeting will be held on June 13th. Agenda items include:

- Minutes Review;
- Bike Rack Review;
- Mapping Project;
- Public Input.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY MICAH, SECOND BY PHOEBE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:46 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Darby Mayville.