

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016 AT 5:45 PM
LINCOLN HALL MEETING ROOM
AGENDA**

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

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BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 13, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Hamlin, Jud Lawrie, Phoebe Spencer, Jeff Frolik, Eric Bowker, Raj Chawla, Gabe Epstein

ADMINISTRATION: Darby Mayville, Community Relations/Economic Development Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Rick called the meeting to order at 5:44 PM.

2. AGENDA ADDITONS

None.

3. MINUTES REVIEW

Rick asked for the following to be changed from the May minutes: "Rick noted that it would be helpful to have a sign-in table next year." It will be edited to read: "Rick noted that it would be helpful to have a **sign for** the sign-in table next year."

MOTION BY JUD, SECOND BY RAJ TO ACCEPT MAY MEETING MINUTES, WITH CHANGES. MOTION PASSED.

Raj suggested that it would be helpful to purchase an ad in the Essex Reporter for Cycle de Mayo exposure next year. He said that a survey by the Recreation Governance Study Committee showed that the Reporter was the most popular source of news for residents.

Gabe suggested that there be raffles throughout the day at next year's Cycle de Mayo.

4. BIKE RACK REVIEW

Rick informed the committee that Local Motion was a dealer for Dero Bike Rack products, and that 25% of the purchase price would be donated back to them. He suggested brainstorming locations where the committee felt that there were either no bike racks or inadequate bike racks. He also suggested that public locations be the first places that the committee consider.

Some suggested locations (private and public) for bike racks include:

- Mac's Market
- Town of Essex Offices
- Martone's

- Firebird Café
- Pearl Street Shopping Centers

Raj suggested adding bike racks to the new building at 4 Pearl Street, and Rick said that it would be good to check the site plan first, as they may already be included.

Raj noted that there are many locations along the CCTA bus route that could use bike racks. Not all of the busses have the ability to carry bikes, and none of them are able to carry more than two.

The committee began to discuss the Bike Friendly Business program. Rick said that he was surprised to see that there is a fee for businesses to apply, which can be as much as \$500 per year. He feels that this may be the reason that there are so few businesses with this recognition.

Raj suggested that the committee make its own recognition system for local businesses. They could offer free advertising and map placement in exchange for a business taking steps to accommodate bicyclists. They could also share this information with local bike organizations in hopes that their members would patronize these businesses.

The committee brainstormed the types of things that a business would need in order to be consider bike friendly. They decided that it would need to have some type of bike parking, and provide a monetary commitment to bicycling in the Village. This could be done in a variety of ways: offering a discount for riders, providing bicycling accommodations for employees, sponsoring a BWAC event, etc.

The committee then discussed how to obtain additional bike racks for the areas that needed them. Raj suggested talking to the Center for Technology Essex to see if there would be a way for us to work with students there to produce the bike racks. All agreed that this is a good idea. Darby said that she would reach out to Bob Travers, principal of Center for Technology Essex, to see if he would be amenable to the idea.

Raj told the committee that he had seen a freestanding bike maintenance station at the Sunny Hollow loading docks in Colchester. Phoebe mentioned that there was one near the Davis Center at UVM as well.

Rick said that it seemed like a good idea, but would need to be in a public place to reduce the chances of vandalism. He also added that the Crescent Connector would have bike lockers as well.

Once the committee has taken a bike rack inventory, they will proceed with the mapping project.

5. MAPPING PROJECT

Not discussed.

6. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

7. NEXT MEETING & AGENDA

The next meeting will be held on July 18th. Agenda TBD.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY GABE, SECOND BY PHOEBE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:47 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Darby Mayville.