

VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017 AT 5:45 PM
LINCOLN HALL
AGENDA

- Minutes Review.
- Spring Event Planning.
- Update 2017 Priority Lists.
 - 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
JANUARY 9, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Hamlin, Micah Hagan, Jud Lawrie, Gabe Epstein, Raj Chawla, Phoebe Spencer

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 approve the NOVEMBER meeting minutes. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSED.

3. SPRING EVENT PLANNING

Rick asked the committee if they would be interested in hosting Cycle de Mayo again this year. 2017 would be the third year of the event. All were in favor.

Micah noted that there were conflicts with many other events last year, which hurt attendance at Cycle de Mayo. He will be looking at other event schedules and will let the committee know what the best possible date for 2017 is.

Combining Cycle de Mayo with a larger event, or teaming up with another community partner, was discussed.

The committee began to brainstorm publicity for the event. Darby suggested making a Facebook event as soon as the date is set. She also suggested publicity opportunities through the local news and CCTV. Phoebe suggested contacting Seven Days to see if there could be a "Stuck in Vermont" segment written for the event.

Raj noted that EJP will be doing a mountain biking camp this summer, and suggested working with EJP and Essex Parks & Recreation on event publicity. He also suggested inviting the Essex Town Trails Committee to participate in Cycle de Mayo. Micah will be contacting the Maple Street pump track organizers to see if they are interested in getting involved with the event.

Jud suggested asking Eric to get in touch with his bike contacts throughout the state. Phoebe offered to get in touch with Local Motion.

After some discussion, the committee decided to reuse the logo from last year.

Phoebe suggested partnering with the library by purchasing biking related books to promote the event. Gabe suggested renting the smoothie bike for the event.

Rick offered to check to see if the date on last year's sign needs to be changed.

4. UPDATE 2017 PROJECT PRIORITY LIST

Rick brought up the 2016 ranking list. He let the committee know that he had been in contact with Dennis Lutz, Town Public Works Director, regarding the Route 15 bike lane project. This had been flagged as a high priority goal last year.

Dennis is interested in writing this project into a technical assistance proposal to the CCRPC. However, this proposal would result in the bike lane being on the opposite side of the road, and require bicyclists to cross with traffic at the entrance to the Fort. This could be a part of a larger project, involving a road diet for Pearl Street and including bike lanes on both sides of the road and the elimination of the center traffic barrier.

The committee began to discuss this proposal. Phoebe noted that it might be difficult for newer cyclists to integrate in traffic in such a busy street. Raj suggested that the speed limit be lowered at this time as well. Gabe noted that it would be helpful for this project to somehow ensure that vehicles are in the proper lane, as there are many vehicles that find themselves in the turning lane by mistake.

All agreed that it would be worth the CCRPC studying this plan. Rick noted that this could be a way to simplify this area of the road and make it look more consistent with the rest of Pearl Street.

5. NEXT MEETING & AGENDA

The next meeting will be held on February 13th at 5:45 PM. The agenda is TBD.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by RAJ, SECOND by JUD to ADJOURN. Adjourned at 6:46 PM. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted, Darby Mayville.