

**VILLAGE OF ESSEX JUNCTION
BIKE/WALK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2018 AT 6 PM
LINCOLN HALL
AGENDA**

Minutes Review;
AARP Community Challenge Grant;
5 Corners Farmers' Market;
Community Tour / Assessment Schedule;
ANR Path;
Committee Size;
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
April 16, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Raj Chawla, Jud Lawrie, Eric Bowker, Jeff Frolik, Micah Hagan

OTHERS PRESENT: Lauren Coppola-Dyer, Julie Miller-Johnson

ADMINISTRATION: Darby Mayville, Community Relations/Economic Development Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Raj called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. MINUTES REVIEW

MOTION BY JEFF, SECOND BY MICAH TO ACCEPT MARCH MEETING MINUTES, WITH CHANGES. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION PASSED.

3. ROUTE 15 BIKE LANE PROJECT

Raj said that he had attended a committee meeting for the proposed bike path project. The meeting was held at the Regional Planning Commission, and several Village leaders were present. The committee liked the BWAC's idea of having some type of buffer between the path and vehicles.

He also said that a Starbucks is proposed for Susie Wilson Road, near Lowes. This could result in additional traffic in that area. Planners are currently working to determine if the intersection would be able to support the additional vehicles.

Raj also noted that the committee's input on the Park Street project will be forwarded onto Community Development Director Robin Pierce.

4. AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT

Darby will be meeting with several community members tomorrow afternoon to discuss the AARP Community Challenge Grant. This grant offers funding from several hundred dollars to several thousand for a wide variety of community needs.

The committee discussed potential uses for this grant and decided that they were in favor of applying for this grant to either purchase crosswalk beacons or to start a bike share program.

5. 5 CORNERS FARMER'S MARKET

Julie Miller-Johnson, Market Manager, said that this year's market would be held on Wednesday evenings behind Road Res Q. They were encouraged to receive 50 vendor applications for 25 slots. The Market committee is working to make it more progressive and will include vendors selling CBD and kombucha. She noted that there will be parking for the Market behind Smitty's on Park Street.

Jeff suggested using some type of traffic calming measures, such as putting plants on the side of the road.

Julie suggested that the BWAC sell Bike Benefits stickers at the Market. These will cost \$5 and could give the person with the sticker some sort of discount. She would be willing to work with the committee on fundraising to offset the cost of the discount and purchasing the stickers.

Jeff suggested having a bike corral at the Market. Jud suggested modeling this after Local Motion's bike parking program, similar to a coat check.

Raj noted that many people will be crossing Maple Street from the parking area to go to the Market. He suggested putting barrels in the road with flags to help pedestrians cross more easily. Micah noted that this would be a positive contribution that the committee could make for pedestrians.

Raj suggested putting a permanent bike rack in the Market location, which is used as a public parking lot during the rest of the week.

Raj said that the committee would be in touch with Julie prior to the start of the Market.

6. BWAC COMMUNITY TOUR

This will be postponed until May due to the snow and ice. Raj noted that three different people have asked if the Cycle de Mayo community ride will be coming back. He suggested holding some type of community ride separate from the event to meet the community need.

7. AGENCY OF NAUTRAL RESOURCES (ANR) PATH

Jeff will look into this project, and the possibility of having another group of UVM students further develop the design. The potential path along Pinecrest Drive would be another good project for students to work on. Jeff will coordinate with Village Engineer Rick Hamlin on these projects.

8. COMMITTEE SIZE

With Jud ending his term in June, and two other current vacancies, all agreed that it would be a good idea to reduce the committee size from eight to seven members. Darby will work on developing a memo to send to the Trustees regarding this change.

9. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 21 at 6 PM.

11. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY JEFF, SECOND BY MICAH TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 6:55 PM.**

Respectfully submitted, Darby Mayville.