

**Bike Walk Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, May 17th, 6:00pm**

**BWAC Committee Members Present:**

Micah Hagan – Chair, Seth Cronin, Eric Bowker, Annie Cooper, Ramon Matanzo

**Staff Representative:** Linda Mahns

**Others Present:** Carolyn Guest

Meeting began at 6:00 pm

1. **Agenda Additions or Changes** – no changes for tonight’s agenda.
2. **Review April 19th Minutes** – tonight’s meeting didn’t have a quorum to approve minutes. This is tabled for next month.
3. **CHIPS Event Update re Sponsorship** – Micah gave Justin the news that BWAC can donate the \$400. The committee asked if there was something else that could be done for this Bike Fix and Swap event.
4. **RRFB Update & Discussion re: Trustee meeting** – One can be purchased now and installed and then try again for the grant in July. Annie offered to give help for this, if needed. Deadline extended from the Trustees. Seth had the quote up and will email Linda and Micah this invoice to get paid. Linda is going to be taking a grant writing course to hopefully assist with BWAC grants in the future. Location will be Main St and Pleasant St. Annie talked about something that came up in a meeting to remove the left-hand turn lane. Seth recalled this and asked which department to contact and PW is the department to contact to see what might be able to be done with regards to jurisdiction issues. Eric offered that the left-hand turn signal might be a safer option for pedestrians and cyclists. A draft email was talked about to be generated to ask PW if this proposed idea to remove the left-hand signal has safety merits and is lawful to do, but after discussion, decided to table the idea for now unless and until more input from residents comes forward, as well as to see if the RRFB resolves safety issues, fully, once installed.
5. **School-based Bike/Walk Safety.** Micah has not yet been able to call Jamie and asked Eric if an email could occur with the school. Eric said he has spoken to Jamie briefly and is agreeable and receptive to the idea for an educational opportunity between the school and BWAC. Carolyn was asking if a group email could occur from the group to Jamie with an option to meet in person. Annie asked if Carolyn’s email could be included. Carolyn wrote a draft email and Annie forwarded it. Micah asked the group to have a mini work session to review and revise the email in order to send now. Annie gave some revisions and was wondering about possible speakers (Mariah Sanderson and Justin Hoy) to ask about for situational awareness with different age groups. Once the email goes out, Annie will contact these potential speakers for their input. [Jsmith2@ewsd.org](mailto:Jsmith2@ewsd.org) is the email address that Micah will use to email Jamie.
6. **Pocket Park Meeting Update.** Annie notified the [Bike.Committee@essexjunction.org](mailto:Bike.Committee@essexjunction.org) email address was updated with the current members. Pocket Park is going up at the Firebird Café. The TAC is going to be working with Village Com Dev for recommendations of trees for planting in the small space. Micah will send out the email to the group for an update on this. Annie wondered if Robin Pierce should be invited to the next meeting in order to discuss bike parking and other possible needs for the Pocket Park and BWAC. Annie will reach out to Robin to invite him to the next meeting to discuss Pocket Park.
7. **Any other business.**

June 21<sup>st</sup> is set for the next meeting at 6 pm. This meeting ended at 6:53 pm