

Final Minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee  
Thursday, February 19 2015  
First Floor Conference Room - Independence Hall  
725 Old Post Road Fairfield, CT 06824

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Keith Gallinelli

Members Present: Ed Lane, Karen Secrist, Bill Pollack, Betsy Gardner, Bob Tota, Linda Lach, Laura OBrien, and Keith Gallinelli

Members Not Present: Don Hyman

Others Present: Bill Hurley, Engineer; Santina Galbo, Public Health Educator; John and Christopher Fusco; Greg Dionne; Bob Stone, Fairfield Board of Realtors (President) and Board of Finance; Nancy Rosett, Merritt Parkway Trail and Sound Cyclists; Robert Linares; A. Kadis

Motion by Laura OBrien to approve the minutes from Thursday, January 15 2015, seconded by Betsy Gardner. Motion was approved unanimously.

1. Opening remarks by Keith Gallinelli
2. Overview of Merritt Parkway Trail by Nancy Rosett:
  - a. **After overview, motion by Linda Lach to endorse creation of Merritt Parkway Trail seconded by Karen Secrist; after committee discussion motion was withdrawn by Linda Lach**
3. Discussion regarding '3 Feet Please' signs donated by Sound Cyclists to Town of Fairfield by Nancy Rosett
  - a. Bill Hurley suggested using signs along proposed routes to educate and prepare residents for **\*\*NEW\*\*** routes. Signs are not MUTCD [<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>] compliant and Bill Hurley is researching liability. Signs would also need to be cleared by police commission
4. Update from Santina Galbo on Bike Share Pilot Program:
  - a. Program was approved on February 11 2015 at BOS meeting
5. Bike route recommendations of committee working group presented by Bill Pollack:
  - a. Shore Route
  - b. Library Route
    - i. Support proposed Bike Share Pilot Program
    - ii. Link Post Road to Black Rock Tpke
  - c. Next Steps:
    - i. Provide Bill Hurley with list of proposed routes;
    - ii. Meet with Selectman re: proposed routes
    - iii. Canvas residents in neighborhoods along proposed routes to garner feedback and support

6. Recap of meeting between Mike Jehle (Fairfield Museum and History Center) and Keith Gallinelli and Linda Lach on February 4. Purpose of meeting was to discuss bike/walk tour concept and greater collaboration between our committee and FMHC
7. Discussion with Bob Stone regarding partnership and program(s) with Fairfield Board of Realtors. Concept discussed is similar to bike/walk tour being explored with FMHC. Suggested committee member speak at Board of Realtors meeting
8. Subcommittee Updates:
  - a. Government: Bill Pollack leads discussion about Fairfield Green Belt and information gleaned from meetings with Conservation Department; Laura OBrien provided great examples of route maps from Ottawa and Maine
  - b. Communications and Events: Recap of subcommittee meeting on January 27. Committee can now add newsfeed content to town's website. Working on social media presence. Laura OBrien would like posting guidelines/standards, etc. to be discussed and distributed at future committee meeting.
  - c. Education, Health and Funding: Discussion around Walking School Bus program [<http://www.walkingschoolbus.org/>]. Intent is to develop program for elementary schools (potentially around National Bike to School Day 2015 on May 6) and to engage Selectman to drive visibility. Karen Secrist provided overview of BOLTAGE [<http://www.boltage.org/overview.html>] as example of robust program. Some discussion between Linda Lach and Karen Secrist necessary to determine how to best structure FAIRTV slide/poster idea
9. Other business:
  - a. Reminder from Keith Gallinelli to check 'Bike/Pedestrian Committee Notes' on GOOGLE DOCS for in-between meeting events
  - b. Keith proposed committee-organized ride for April 19, 2015 (afternoon). The plan is to follow the 'library route' proposed by the working group
  - c. Ed Lane to reach out to Sue McAteer from the Fairfield Bike Walk Coalition regarding partnership opportunities
  - d. Laura OBrien asked committee members to suggest pedestrian specific ideas for improvements or events at our next meeting
  - e. Next meeting is Thursday, March 19.

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 by Keith Gallinelli, seconded by Bill Pollack. Motion was approved unanimously.