

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Vice Chair, Laura OBrien

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

Members Not Present: Keith Gallinelli

Others Present: Bill Hurley, Engineer; Santina Galbo, Public Health Educator; Nancy Rosett, Merritt Parkway Trail and Sound Cyclists

Motion by Betsy Gardner to approve the minutes from Thursday, February 19 2015, seconded by Linda Lach. Motion was approved unanimously.

1. Merritt Parkway Trail
 - a. Laura OBrien and Bill Pollack summarized their Merritt Parkway Trail meeting with First Selectman Michael C. Tetreau on Wednesday, March 18
 - b. Committee discussed pros and cons of Merritt Parkway Trail
 - c. Nancy Rosett commented on proposed specifications for the trail
 - d. Next Steps: Government sub-committee to meet with Police and Fire Departments for feedback on Merritt Parkway Trail
2. Route Working Group Updates:
 - a. Working group to present routes to Bill Hurley before our next committee meeting on Thursday, April 16.
3. Subcommittee Updates:
 - a. Government: Recap - Nothing further to report
 - b. Communications and Events: Updates on three major initiatives and social media
 - i. Don Hyman reported on "Library to Library" Ride on Sunday, April 19 from Sherman Green.
 1. Open Issues: Decision on route signage (Don consulting with Bill Hurley). Asked a committee member to volunteer to post signs the morning of April 19
 2. Needs volunteers to distribute and collect surveys and pass out water/energy bars, etc. on event day
 3. Santina Galbo gave a status update on the Library Bike share Program
 - ii. Linda Lach provided Student Poster Contest Updates (Autumn 2015)

- iii. Linda Lach gave update on Fairfield "Back in Time" Historical Bike Tour (June 2015)
- iv. Ed Lane gave a report on Social Media
 - 1. Twitter: @BikeWalkFFCT
 - 2. Blog: <https://bikewalkfairfield.wordpress.com/>
 - 3. Facebook: <http://goo.gl/39LefB>
 - 4. Instagram: <https://instagram.com/bikewalkfairfield/>
 - 5. LinkedIn: <http://goo.gl/ifCpsg>
- c. Education, Health and Funding: Updates on Walking School Bus program. Karen Secrist meeting with PTA President(s) directly and there is interest at Stratfield and Sherman schools
- 4. Group Discussion - Pedestrian/Walk Specific Event Ideas
 - a. Walking Tours - Historical or photo in areas like Southport Center or the Audubon
 - b. Open Space - Monthly or quarterly walks to promote [Open Space Program](#) (Pine Creek Watershed, etc.)
 - c. Passport Program - Partner with Chamber of Commerce in areas like Black Rock Tpke and Fairfield Center
 - d. Educational - Seminar or lectures on 'benefits of walking or 'the benefits of good walking shoes'
- 5. Other business:
 - a. There is a Complete Streets Meeting with Scott Thompson on April 8 from 8:30-10:00am in the 2nd floor conference room. Keith requested Committee heads to invite key players
 - b. Sub-committees to provide budgets for 2015-2016 to Laura OBrien by March 27, 2015

Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. by Betsy Gardner, seconded by Bill Pollack. Motion was approved unanimously.