

9/24/19 Bike & Pedestrian Meeting Notes

Introductions, committee members, community member Michele Depace re: concerns

Review of minutes.

Mike's input RE: Walk & Roll Fest.

Build on promotion. Utilize high school students, but still need more knowledgeable/bicycle enthusiast adults.

Adult-focused draws: tire changing station

Plan it earlier – begin in November. Discuss further in Oct/Nov meeting.

Department Updates:

1. David VanLuven, Town Supervisor shared about Wright Lane Park, map included (walking and mountain biking trail)
 - a. Possible purchase of 75 acres from Normanside CC (Vision is 10-20 miles biking trails, 4-6 walking trails).
 - b. Press conference in October to announce news
 - c. 8 acres of land purchased in Glenmont from Albany County Land Bank
 - d. Update on Complete Streets Project
 - i. End of 2017, Town Board voted to move forward
 - ii. mid 2018, town went after funding to help pay for project
 - iii. April 2019, town accepted \$2.9M to go forward with project
 - iv. Key Messages: We're moving forward with design, Unusually high number of traffic accidents on that stretch of road (almost twice the national average, not safe for cars), not safe for pedestrians or cyclists and NOT attractive for business (economic development – no new businesses want to open there).
 - v. *Traffic Calming. DOT project for SAFETY
 - vi. By 2022, we need to replace the pipes beneath the road. The road HAS to be rebuilt anyway.
 - vii. We need to support the businesses during the construction (learn from the previous project, which town could've done better)
 - viii. Helpful: Letters to Editor (Spotlight),
 1. Our role: share some of positives with friends & family
2. Police, Sergeant Mike Whitely recent promotion to Road Sergeant (means out of Middle School – Adam Cobb there now)
 - a. Discovery Reform and impact on traffic tickets (due to cameras)
 - b. 2020 Grant options to be reviewed
 - c. Krumkill Road Speed study
 - d. 1st fatal crash of year – Route 32 and Meads Lane (single motorcyclists crash)
 - e. Traffic Safety Booth at Crossgates
 - f. 10/2 is Walk to School Day
 - g. Signs are in! Provided by the grant (GTSE). Limited supply available.

3. Planning Department: Development Process and Code Training
 - a. Town Board update – provide talking points or presentation
 - i. Provide a 2020 work-plan and present to them (possibly 2 of us will present). I volunteered (Erin Svare – note-taker for 9/24 meeting)
 - ii. Feedback to increase communication between our committee, town board and town highway
 - iii. Recurring items of concern from residents (example HS students path to YMCA, Kenwood Avenue to the MS)
 - iv. Connect with Tiger about sidewalk priority
 - b. Town Code Overview of planning, code, staff roles (presentation)
4. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. Communication Plan for Outreach & Education
 - i. Goal to post daily – suggestion to use many hashtags by Laura
 - ii. Facebook – Ann Mullaly added 3 more Admins to the account; Erin Svare Laura DiBetta and Erin Rightmyer
 - iii. Instagram account: Mindy, Laura, Erin R & Erin S.
 - iv. Consistency across both mediums
 - v. Drive friends and family to follow accounts
 - b. Priority Sidewalk network
 - c. Crosswalk Study at Post Office data 8/8/19 – Anne Benware
 - i. Midday still 60% cars stopping
 - ii. Need for enforcement
 - iii. Use of education and outreach
5. Discussion of upcoming meetings –
 - a. 10/22
 - b. 12/10 will be combined Nov/Dec meeting. It'll be kept to 6:30-8 pm in light of end of year schedules.
 - c. Agreement to shift agenda when public comes for comment. Our guest at meeting had to leave before she could share comments.