

Bicycle Pedestrian Meeting Notes

October 25, 2022 (DRAFT TO BE APPROVED)

Skip (Oliver) Holmes (Chair)

Steve Redler

Jeff Baker

Jennifer Livingston

Robert Ellis (Pending Board Approval)

Public Comment: No public comment.

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: Deferred voting due to not having a sufficient number of members present at the last meeting. Steve had a question in middle of page 2 typo that states “Blessing Road prioritized over Blessing Road” The notes should reflect a discussion about why Murray and Feura Bush prioritized over Blessing Road.

New Members: Two new members identified looking for a third and will present to the Board in November. The Committee talked about outreach to assist the Town with identifying additional applicants. Robert Ellis attended the meeting prior to appointment.

Assignment of Note Takers: Jennifer Livingston agreed to take notes.

Department Updates:

Town Safety Committee: Skip provided update. Town continues to get a number of complaints about speeding/distracting drivers. There continues to be request about sidewalks. A spreadsheet continues to be maintained and complaints are assigned. It is listed as an action item and the person reports on a monthly basis on status. On Kenwood there was a posting sign on speed –it has a flashing red to indicate speeding. The red lights appear to be slowing traffic. There is a concern that people get accustomed to it and therefore the device needs to be moved to encourage similar behavior. A Town Representative not present.

Police Department: No update or Representative present.

Highway Department: No updates or Representative present.

Planning Department: Notes shared prior to meeting and incorporated as attachment A. Town Representative not present.

Discussion of any items of interest to committee Members:

Recommendation to the Committee Members on process for the Committee to move forward on planning for sidewalk and remediation. The Committee is not impacting change with addressing sidewalk issues with a prioritization list. The Committee discussed refocusing efforts away from a prioritization list on to on a strategic recommendation plan. We discuss coming up with recommendations to the Board about issues the Committee has observed and learned during the last

several years. We discussed creating a subcommittee to work on a document that could be presented to the Board that includes a strategic plan with a capital plan to address sidewalks in the long-term.

Topics to include in this strategic plan: (1) capital plan for sidewalks; (2) cross-department oversight of sidewalks; (3) process for new sidewalk requests; (4) remediation challenges between state/town sidewalks; (5) ongoing barriers identified by the Town.

Subcommittee Updates

Sidewalk Maintenance: Crosswalk at Kenwood/Dunbarton in progress, Crosswalk at Kenwood/Delmar Pl. complete

Public Safety Campaign: The Town selected a consultant. There is a kickoff meeting on November, 1. Skip will attend and report back. Committee members should let Skip know if they want to attend.

Speed Humps: To be published on town website. The expectations that the Town will use Temporary Speed Humps. Committee discussed putting in place a process similar to the Tarrytown process for Speed Humps. The Committee discussed documenting this recommendation to the Town. Committee questioned what the process would be on the Town to put in place a policy around Speed Hump creation.

New Sidewalk installation 2022: Waiting for update from Highway on the update. Committee discussed setting a yearly calendar for when this report would be shared with the Committee. Skip will discuss setting up a fiscal year reporting from Highway. The Committee recommended a status report at the January meetings.

Blessing Road: reviewing right of way along roadway, engineering survey needs to be done, discussing multiuse path options in right of way use is possible.

Discussed the concerns raised by Blessing Road residents from September 2022 meeting. The Town held a meeting with residents. Discussed process for development. We also talked about the process for potential funding. A public meeting would be held to discuss issues.

New Items

- State DOT declined to put in any safety devices (signs or lighting) at the road about in Glenmont. Committee was asked whether it could volunteer to collect pedestrian counts. Committee recommended getting additional information from the Town about the expectation from the State DOT on data needed to justify need for safety devices.
- State DOT looking for Town to give data on the crosswalk on Delaware and Fisher Blvd. There is at least one serious pedestrian injury. Jennifer Livingston will reach out to the Resident that use this section to see about collecting data on a particular day to determine usage.

Adjourn

Next Meeting December 7, 2022