

Bicycle Pedestrian Meeting

January 24, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Nate Owens
Oliver Homes (Skip) -Chair
Erin Rightmyer
Jennifer Livingston
Kristin Ackerman
Dee Fisher –Golden
Robert Ellis
Nicole Cheplowitz
Jeff Baker
Susan Landfried

Committee Volunteer Member opportunities

-Walk and Roll Planning

-Strategic Planning Project

-Speed Hump Policy Development

-Prioritizing Sidewalk Criteria

-Workshop for Bike Paths/Connections

Committee members will notify Skip of preferred designation.

Welcome New Members – Introductions for new members.

Public Comment – No public comment.

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: November Meeting and December Minutes will be shared with the committee for email vote.

Department Updates

- Town Safety Committee –Skip provided background to new members. The Committee established in 2018 to address modernist and pedestrians. Highway, Police, Supervisor/Supervisor Assistant, Bike/Ped Committee (Skip attends as rep to committee), to go over questions/comments/concerns of town. A spread sheet with actions and follow up. There are short term and long term items on the action item list.
- Police Department –no representative attended

- Highway Department –No representative attended. Expected to attend next meeting. Nate will follow up with potential of assigning a new staff to attend this meeting.
- Planning Department –Nate provided update prior to the meeting.

Nate asked by Jennifer if there are top line issues that the committee should focus on. Nate raised criteria for sidewalk selection. Skip provided background to new members on the conditions of sidewalk study and how criteria was set. The study was repeated again last year with a condition index. The rating scale is based off of ADA criteria and ADA transition plan (supplement in 2018). The rating identifies what each condition means –this is available on the website. Skip also updated on the progression to increasing funding for sidewalk maintenance. The increased funding has made a dent but there is still a long way to go. To remedy the worst sidewalks in 8 years we need to allocate \$250,000 per year. Current allotment is \$150,000. At the same time there are residents that want new sidewalks. That category of how we decide on the new sidewalks goes towards a rating system that is different than remediation.

Nate provided background when the committee was started, there was a rating system to decide where new sidewalks will be developed. Factors such as speed of road, curve of road, people living in area, near destinations, length –results in a score. And once cost is factored in there is a grade. This is a difference scoring than for remediation of sidewalks.

The allocated money from the board (150,000) is allocated for both new and remediation of sidewalks.

Nate discussed the issue of getting easements from landowners to get sidewalks remediation to address ADA compliance. One landowner could hold up projects for years.

Jennifer raised the idea of whether we have a plan that moves at a reasonable pace for remediation before deciding if there is a process for deciding when new sidewalks are considered. Nate says staff needs clearer guidance when deciding on when we spend the money. Then it needs to be clear to the public how we are prioritizing new verses existing remediation.

Questions asked about the process for actually building and remediation of sidewalks. Nate described a hybrid process. Town preps area and contract pores. Then there are short sidewalks the town does the entire project. Then there are state sidewalk remediation –decided to put out a bid to address all three stretches. Now no longer doing it. The Town is now going to do it.

- **Discussion of any items of interest to committee members**

Erin asked about update on the Blessing Road sidewalk. Nate said right of way study still being done to look at design options. Once we have a design option there is still the hurdle of funding to construction something. Erin suggested that residents should be notified that it is still a process –because Erin said that some asserted that this was a done deal. Nate will look at scope of contract to share with residents. Dee also said that she was aware of the same residents and think that there is knowledge that this is not a done deal.

Subcommittee Updates

- Sidewalk Maintenance –discussed above.
- Public Safety Campaign – Skip provided history to new members (education, enforcement, and engendering). The consultant is preparing material to disseminate to the Town. Talked about

whether to connect with Walk and Roll event to test out messaging. There is also discussion about lowering the speed limit to 25.

- Speed Humps – Skip provided an update on the status of current speed humps. There is a process that needs to be developed. Jennifer shared a draft with Town. The committee can review the material to provide recommendations. Jennifer said that she would share with the Committee.
- New Sidewalks installed 2022 –Nate obtained new sidewalk update installed in 2022. Will be shared with meeting notes.

Committee support needs

- Fisher Blvd crosswalk pedestrian crossing count
- Glenmont roundabout pedestrian peak use times

In response to the pedestrian peak use survey, Jennifer reported that there are residents that are willing to help with this. There was a concern that the numbers would not be there in the winter and also that without a reduction of the speed limit that some have elected not to cross because of fear of high speed traffic. These residents raised questions about how to reduce speed limit. Nate explained the process in the past with the Town sending complaints to DOT –then there is an analysis with volume and speed. And then DOT make a determination. Cherry Ave extension neighborhoods were successful in reducing. Nate will look at past complaints and DOT evaluation. Jennifer will share it with residents to see if the residents want to submit a complaint to the Town.

Items for 2023 agenda

- Sidewalks Strategic Plan

Skip raised a spreadsheet on how to establish the goals and track. Document shared at the meeting. This document showed each department responsibilities.

Jennifer asked for the role of the committee with creating this strategic plan.

Discussed creating a map to visualize where the sidewalks are missing that is needed to connect sidewalks. Then getting a funding amount for these new sidewalks. To consider this to be a onetime capital improvement. Nate said that he would look into creating this map and to share with the committee. There was also a discussion to discuss shoulder widening as oppose to sidewalks to make the connections. Nate will incorporate that into the map.

New Items

Members raised additional locations for flag cross walks. Will collect locations and report back to Committee at next meeting.

Walk and Roll Fest –third Saturday in May. Nate is going to check to see if Police will be involved in planning. Discussed number of volunteers needed from Committee.

Bike Connections were also raised –There was a question about bike maps –there is one. Committee raised the idea of having a connected map in the same way as sidewalks. Nate raised that there are

established bike routes/lanes. Discussed low option responses to provide connection. Nate will print map for the next meeting.

Adjourn

Next Meeting 2/21/23