

Meeting Notes

September 26, 2023

6:30 PM

Zoom/In person

Attendees

Skip Holmes – Chair

Nate Owens

Erin Rightmyer

Lynelle Bosworth

Dee Fisher Golden

Rob Ellis

Steve Redler

Jeff Baker

Nicole Cheplowitz, P.E.

Peter Thomas

Action Items

- Form Social Media subcommittee.
- Send letter to NYSDOT Re: Fisher Blvd pedestrian counts.

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes June 27, 2023 – Minutes Approved

Department Updates

- Town Safety Committee – There was a comment that the cross walk at Elsmere and Walden Fields was not stripped after paving. Stripping crews contracted by NYS DOT were 6 weeks behind after the roads was paved. Skip said the cross walk there was recently stripped.
- Erin Rightmyer said the sidewalks are not safe on Delaware Ave near Elsmere Elementary School and the PTA at Elsmere Elementary is concerned.

Discussion on Bike and Pedestrian Committee Facebook and Instagram pages. Peter Thomas offered to help updates these pages. A subcommittee needs to be established to work on this project. Seeking volunteers. Erin can send Peter the Instagram login information.

Sidewalks - Delaware Ave between Library and Cherry Ave – Town made revisions to sidewalk plan to address comments and resubmitted to NYSDOT. This Project will be bumped to 2024. Other projects will be moved up to this Fall to replace the Delaware Ave Project. These include Kenwood Ave from Elsmere to Pinetree, Wemple road Apartments, Elm Ave East sidewalks

(Developer) , Rowland, and some others. Funds will also be spent on Kenwood near Borthwick, Fisher and Union Ave.

At the next meeting we will review the sidewalk maintenance priority ratings and the plan for 2024/2025.

Public Safety Campaign – Public Safety campaign will take place in the Spring 2024 when more walkers, runners and cyclists are starting to get outside again.

- Speed Humps – Several comments were made regarding the Speed Hump Review Process. Jennifer asked to define a “major road”.
- Jennifer also suggested - Instead of residents educate neighbors and gather signatures, write Residents and Applicant educate neighbors and gather signatures.
- It is unclear who would be included in a street poll about a speed hump. Would it be only the residents of a street, or also an adjoining street who are impacted by the speed hump.
- The number of Speed humps proposed on Brockley and Longmeadow seems substantial, and it is unclear if residents are notified to the number of humps when signing a petition.
- Temporary speed humps were not included and if residents don't like the speed humps when they are installed they are stuck with them. More comments on the speed humps are welcome.

- Fisher Blvd Crosswalk – Jennifer has had some volunteers counting pedestrians. A letter should be sent to NYSDOT with the results.
- Pedestrian counts were also done at the Glenmont roundabout.
- Counts for the number of cars stopping for pedestrians will be completed at the Delaware Ave cross walk by the Post Office.

Other Comments and Event notices

- A new striped bike lane was recently completed by the Developer in the Vista Tech Park. It goes all the way to Plug Power building.
- The off ramps being planned for the rail trail should have a two-way entrance/exit so bicycles/pedestrians don't run into each other. They should also have a clear line of sight when entering the rail trail.
- An elementary school student on a bicycle was in an accident with a car on Van Dyck. The student was wearing a helmet and was not seriously injured but we should look into how this can be prevented in the future.

October 4 – Walk/bike to School Day – Erin will try to get a Police Officer to attend at Elsmere Elementary.

October 10 – Kenwood Ave Traffic Calming Workshop- Town hall. All are invited. Town Staff will discuss the Final report, Concept Drawings, etc and then the Town can apply for grant funding.

December 2023 – Complete Streets update at Town Hall