

Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee Meeting Notes
February 27, 2024 6:30 PM

Attendees

Skip, Marc, Nate, Caitlyn, Elizabeth, Nicole, Jennifer, Steve, Peter

- Public Comment

Member of the public attended the meeting. No comments added during this portion of the meeting.

- Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 2024

Members approved January 2024 minutes

- Department Updates
 - Police Department -see update in notes from Walk and Roll Fest below.
 - Highway Department

Marc reported on the list of sidewalks is being created. The plan is to consider town sidewalks. Marc will share list at next meeting. Waiting on DPW assessment to make sure that no planned lead pipe work is planned before sidewalk repair selection is finalized for this year. Marc shared that Blessing Road will be started shortly (new multi-use path). Pickleball Courts will be redone as well.

We are still waiting on state awards for state sidewalks (will not expect construction in 2024). Last cycle decisions were made on state award grants in the Spring. Discussed updating local representatives about the outcome of the permit process for DOT on the state sidewalk and the proposal to package all state sidewalk projects.

- Committee Membership
 - Two new Members needed – March 5th application -former members were from Glenmont and Elsmere. Will post again via social media.
- Planning Department Updates sent prior to meeting (attached)
 - Discussion
- Walk and Roll Fest May 18, 2024 Community Care Parking Lot (10 am – 1 pm)
 - CDTC grant has been discontinued.
 - Property owner for lot has been contacted
 - Insurance waiver has been obtained
 - CDTC will be sharing resources and give aways
 - Helmets from last year already obtained
 - Stewarts contacted
 - Captain Cog Bike Repair Shop and Stiner Contacted

- Caitlyn will continue contact vendors and others.
 - School contact will happen in March
 - Asked about whether we can add an older children features to address middle school and High School age students.
 - Committee asked about incorporating music and other vendors (like other similar events hosted by other local communities). The Committee offered to take the lead on lining up some of these vendors. Caitlyn was open to help with contacting vendors or suggestion of vendors.
- Elsmere Bike to School Day May 16, 2024, 8:45-9:30
 - Updates
 - Delaware Ave sidewalk project -discuss by Committee
 - Safe Streets Safety Campaign -Spring 2024 rollout – Nate will share new videos (chicken videos).
 - Social Media support for Safe Streets Campaign -As soon as videos are available will be posted.
 - Items for discussion
 - Sidewalks Comprehensive Plan 2024/2025 -Discussed in notes above. Committee discussed the plan and discussed the issue of one side of the street verses second side of the street. Committee will look at word document shared by Nate to discuss whether order recommendation would be changed. Committee recommended having guidelines that are shared with residents that question how decisions are made on one side verses two side repair of sidewalks.
 - BCSD Walking Distances -school is scaling back on expanding walking distance. Looking at expanding bus stops instead. Nate shared information on sidewalks with school and we will wait to see if anything changes in the plan for the school in the future.
 - New Business – discussed library project. The library does not go through the Town process. It is through a state process. Committee suggested reaching out to the Library Director about the process and potentially invite them to a Committee meeting to discuss the project. Skip will draft proposed letter to share with Committee members.
 - March 12th getting a presentation from CDTA about the cycle program. Last year there was discussion about a dock and dockless system. The level of administration time to roll out a dockless system is high. There needs to be buy in from the planning department and other town departments. There is still excitement to hear what CDTA has to share and offer. This will be reported back to the Committee at the next meeting.
 - Meeting Adjourned 8:24 PM
 - Next Meeting: March 26, 2024 (Zoom/In Person)