

Bike and Pedestrian Committee 10/28/2025

Marc, highway superintendent

Nate Owens

Skip Holmes

Peter Thomas

Jean Kerr

Sarah Rain

Dee Fisher-Golden

Public Comment:

Normanside tree group in hopes of delaying the sidewalk expansion on Euclid Ave

- 17 trees marked with pink ribbon to be removed for sidewalk project (make the ADA compliant)
- People in neighborhood called etc, tree ribbons were removed
- Met With David Van Luven and Marc (highway superintendent), concerns heard
- Survey done–67 returned. All very grateful for opportunity to give feedback
 - Where should new sidewalks be constructed?
 - No consensus

How should new sidewalks be constructed? Consensus–

Same width etc as at present

Do not cut down existing trees

25% would host a tree in their yard for new trees, many would donate \$

- Recommendations from committee
 - Keep walks as they are with new pavement
 - Almost everyone wants to keep trees
- Francis Sheehan–from same neighborhood
 - Trees provide buffer from Delaware
 - Not opposed to sidewalks–just opposed to loss of trees
 - Hoping sidewalks will be patched up, not redone.
 - Trees that have to come down done carefully and replaced

Response from Nate and Marc–

Marc says that he can do sidewalk work in other places if they want their sidewalks left alone

Marc and Nate say that the sidewalks in the neighborhood are in poor condition

ADA non compliant sidewalks need to be replaced in a timely fashion–helps protect the town from legal liability so at some point the sidewalks will be replaced

Bethlehem sidewalks are 5 feet to accommodate plow machines and to make them wide enough so people can pass

Marc Highway Department update–

Murray speed bumps in

Can new speeds/counter to compare to previous traffic data

Will traffic volume/speeds go down?

Putting in rest of bumps will be dependent on data from bumps just put in

Leaf season now

Highway department spent close to budget on sidewalk repair

Cherry extension opening date?

Late this week, early next week. DOT feels it will be open early Nov

No issue to use it now

Traffic signals up and running

County in charge of signage

Town can put signage up along their trails

Vote on September minutes

Went over Nate's minute changes

YMCA sidewalk—makes sense to connect it but the difficulty is in the amount of work and cost to get that. Would be a state funded project, wetland issues

Marc suggests he will put that in on the next state grant request

Peter suggests coming up with a figure to demonstrate how much it would cost

Motion to approve minutes—Peter. Vote to approve— unanimous

Richard Thomas is resigning from the committee due to a move

Communication committee

Skip has started work on mapping bike routes

Routes that cyclists are using to get to certain places on online map

Scan and share

Bike map routes and videos are available to download in the archive

Updating the committee website—copy text in website on word doc

Could host our own webpage but Nate thinks we could do the same within the town webpage

Elizabeth and Dee started conversation about data committee

Feel prepared to help out with requests

CommunityBuilding

Bike racks—share with Communication

CDPHP bike share

Include information from Sept 21 brainstorming picture

Motion to adjourn—Steve, passed

