



Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee

Minutes

February 9, 2016 7 P.M.

Village Hall

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order.

Chair Thomas Kuhlmann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members present: Chair Thomas Kuhlmann, Alex Hill, Jerry Lynn, Dzidra Benish, Rachel Ellerman, and Don Natzke

Members absent: Trustee Pat Linnane

2. Approval of January 12, 2016 Minutes.

Mr. Natzke moved to approve the January 12, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. Motion approved by 6-0 vote.

3. Public Comments.

None.

4. Updates with Staff Liaison Tyler Burkart

Mr. Burkart mentioned that Mr. Natzke and Mr. Hill's terms have expired. They need to contact Mr. Burkart by the end of February if they'd be interested in continuing to serve on the committee. The Shorewood Today will have a feature article about the Ped and Bike Safety week. Chair Kuhlmann asked for Mr. Burkart to talk with Chief Nimmer and staff about the "Walk Your Bike" signs to be placed in the business improvement district. Mr. Burkart will also reach out to Chief Nimmer to see if he'd attend the upcoming meeting in March.

5. Clearing Sidewalks of Snow and Ice

The committee discussed some of the issues involved with clearing ice and snow from sidewalks, specifically on the corners of some intersections. Mr. Burkart informed the committee the option of having a PBSC representative be a part of the Green Team discussions. In addition, Mr. Burkart mentioned that he can include communications in the fall manager's memo as well as the Village website. There may be some potential to send specific language for corner properties to remind them of their responsibility as a Village homeowner to clear the sidewalks.

6. Update on the Wilson Drive Community Task Force

Chair Kuhlmann summarized the latest news with the Wilson Drive task force. The Steering Committee meets every other week. Currently the Steering Committee is looking for members to participate on the work groups.

7. Update on the Walk Friendly Communities Award

Ms. Ellerman provided an update on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Week, which will occur May 1-7. The subcommittee has been brainstorming a number of activities that will be occurring throughout the week. The Wisconsin Bike Federation has expressed

interest in participating in the week. The bike rodeo coordinated by the school's Recreation Department will happen Saturday of that week. Ms. Ellerman shared the idea of having Metro Market sponsor the week and some of the activities. Mr. Natzke expressed the idea of incorporating the Historical Society with walking routes of historical places in Shorewood. The crosswalk initiative presented earlier by Ann Basting would be incorporated in the week. Mr. Lynn shared the idea of having kids use sidewalk chalk to promote the safety week. Ms. Benish has the idea of a punch card to encourage residents to walk to different Shorewood businesses. The subcommittee will work on finalizing the schedule and will send that out to the stakeholders when finalized. The committee gave approval to Ms. Ellerman to reach out to Sendik's and Metro Market to sponsor the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety week. Mr. Burkart will also forward Sandie Pendleton's contact information to Ms. Ellerman to have him involved with the campaign.

8. Discussion of Future Educational Opportunities – Share the Walk

Ms. Benish met with the superintendent of the schools. There is no longer a bike unit in the schools. There is another meeting scheduled with the SRC and the superintendent in March. Ms. Benish inquired about drafting a letter and having the PBSC adopt the letter at a future meeting. Ms. Benish and Ms. Ellerman will draft a letter and ask for feedback when completed prior to her meeting with the superintendent. Mr. Burkart will provide assistance with format and letterhead of the letter. The committee members provided some additional ideas to incorporate in the letter.

9. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items.

10. Adjournment.

Mr. Lynn moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Ms. Ellerman. Motion approved by 6-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager