



Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee

Minutes

March 8, 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 7:04 p.m.

Members present: Chair Thomas Kuhlmann, Alex Hill, Jerry Lynn, Dzidra Benish, Rachel Ellerman, and Trustee Pat Linnane

Members absent: Don Natzke and Gilbert Walter

2. Approval of February 9, 2016 Minutes.

Mr. Hill moved to approve the February 9, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lynn. Motion approved by 5-0 vote.

3. Public Comments.

None.

4. Updates with Staff Liaison Tyler Burkart

a. Committee membership renewal and application for new members

Mr. Burkart informed the Committee that they will be recruiting for three new members. The Committee expressed the necessity for diversity. Interested volunteers should demonstrate passion for being a pedestrian or bicyclist. Ms. Benish mentioned the idea of having a high school student participate in an ex officio role. This will be a topic to be placed on the next agenda. Ms. Ellerman suggests the Committee to provide new members a summary of the main priorities for the Committee as well as having the Village Board interview candidates about their main priorities.

b. Metro Market Update

Mr. Burkart provided a memo from Chief Nimmer to the Committee summarizing the current safety, traffic and pedestrian conditions at Metro Market. Mr. Burkart was asked to talk with Public Works Director Leeann Butschlick about when the traffic study on Lake Drive will be completed. Mr. Burkart will also reach out to Ms. Butschlick about the fog lanes on Oakland Avenue.

5. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Week

Ms. Ellerman provided a summary of the Ped and Bike Safety week. She informed the Committee that the Metro Market is extremely interested in sponsoring an event. Megan Welch with the school district is willing to promote the week through the school district and the Recreation Department's communication channels. Anne Bastings is interested in helping with a Crossings event during the week and suggested coordinating educational activities rather than Police enforcement of residents riding their bikes on the sidewalk. A cost would be needed for the event but Metro Market expressed interest in sponsoring the efforts. Other potential activities include educational sidewalk chalk,

“Map my Route”, a scavenger hunt, other art projects tied to the event and displayed throughout the community, historical society walks, and surveys reflecting on the week.

Ms. Benish stated that she and Mr. Burkart met with Chief Nimmer the other day to discuss Police’s role in the event as well as the “Walk the Bike” signs. Police is willing to be present at some of the events and hand out literature that the Committee would like the Police to distribute. Mr. Burkart informed the Committee on the process for finalizing the design and purchasing of the sandwich boards. Mr. Lynn asked if the Village can put painted language on the sidewalks asking residents to walk their bike. This would be placed in strategic locations around the Village. Mr. Burkart agreed to pursue this idea with staff here. Mr. Hill asked about Ms. Bastings role with the Committee. Mr. Burkart will distribute the Crossings proposal again to the Committee.

The Committee agreed towards moving forward with the week schedule. The subgroup will meet in the next weeks to strategize a communication plan and work out final details associated with the week.

6. Consider Approving Letter to School District Recommending Course on Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Chair Kuhlmann mentioned that the Committee makes sure to provide context with the School District Superintendent so that he understands the reason and emotions behind the letter. Ms. Benish informed the Committee she already met with the superintendent to discuss the importance of this course and the need for pedestrian and bicycle safety in the classroom. Chair Kuhlmann also recommended not specifying what age the curriculum should take place. The Committee supports an amendment to also copy the Bi-Board on the letter. Mr. Lynn moves to approve the letter as written incorporating the changes the Committee suggested, seconded by Mr. Hill. Motion approved by 5-0 vote.

7. Update on Wilson Drive Community Task Force

Chair Kuhlmann mentioned during the last meeting was the first time the work groups met to begin discussing priorities and ideas for Wilson Drive. Chair Kuhlmann asked for suggestions from the Committee and shared some of the ideas already identified by the working groups.

8. Discussion of Future Educational Opportunities – Share the Walk

All points in this discussion were mentioned earlier in the discussion of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety week.

9. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items.

10. Adjournment.

Mr. Hill moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Lynn. Motion approved by 5-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager