



Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee

Minutes

May 10, 2016 7 P.M.

Village Hall

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Members present: Chair Thomas Kuhlmann, Jerry Lynn, Dzidra Benish and Rachel Ellerman

Members absent: Don Natzke, Alex Hill, Gilbert Walter and Trustee Davida Amenta

2. Approval of April 12, 2016 Minutes.

Mr. Lynn moved to approve the April 12, 2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ellerman. Motion approved by 4-0 vote.

3. Public Comments.

None.

4. Update with Police Liaison Lt. Thomas Liebenthal

Lt. Liebenthal was present to provide an update on the first quarter report for pedestrian and bicycle safety in the Village. The Lieutenant put together some maps illustrating where accidents occurred in the Village in 2015 and first quarter for 2016. Mr. Kuhlmann was very pleased with the addition of the maps in the report and gave kudos for Lt. Liebenthal for the addition. The Committee discussed any potential trends and will continue analyzing the data each quarter to try and identify some trends that need addressing. Mr. Kuhlmann inquired about the proper action for a resident who notifies a problematic area. Lt. Liebenthal encourages residents to contact the Police Department and officers may be directed to assess the reported areas.

5. 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. If committee members know of residents that would be good for the committee are encouraged to apply. The selection process will be starting by the JPL Committee in the next month.

b. Estabrook 100 Year Celebration

Mr. Burkart informed the Committee that the Estabrook 100 year celebration on Sunday, June 12 from 12-3 p.m. Flyers were available to those members that would like to take one for themselves or neighbors.

c. Lake Drive Traffic Study

Mr. Burkart mentioned that he is working with staff on developing the scope of the traffic study and receiving cost estimates for the study. Mr. Burkart should have more information at the June meeting on this topic.

d. Project Task List for the Committee

Mr. Kuhlmann suggested a project list for the Committee that provides updates on projects the group is working on. Mr. Burkart indicated he can develop a project list that the Committee continually updates at each meeting.

6. Reflect on Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Week

The Committee was very happy with the result of the week. Special thanks to Ms. Ellerman for her efforts. The Committee thought several of the events were fun, and the Committee appreciated the efforts from other entities. Ms. Ellerman mentioned it would be helpful to save a PDF of the Facebook page for the Walk Friendly Communities application. The bells were a big hit at the Bike Rodeo. The Senior Resource Center will be at the First Ride event with more bikes. Mr. Burkart will check out a tent and table for the event. Ms. Ellerman will work on thank you notes to those entities that helped out. The medallion was found on Thursday of the safety week.

7. Discussion of Loop Activated Signals in Shorewood

Mr. Kuhlmann mentioned a Village resident read through the construction details of the signal that will go in at Shorewood Boulevard and Oakland Avenue. The signal doesn't pick up those on bikes. Bicyclists will need to use the pedestrian buttons to trigger the lights to change. Mr. Burkart will reach out to Public Works Director Leeann Butschlick to receive the specs on the traffic light and will send to the committee. This will be an item that will stay on the agenda.

8. Location of "Share the Walk" Signs

Ms. Benish did some research on some designs of sidewalk paint signs used in other communities. The Committee determined a few designs they liked best. Mr. Burkart will forward those to DPW to determine if those designs can be completed on the sidewalk. Each Committee member will send Mr. Burkart their top ten locations for "Share the Walk" signs for the June meeting. Members will vote on those locations by the next meeting. Ultimately there will be 10-15 different locations with the addition of any schools that would like to participate.

Mr. Burkart shared a letter from Dr. Bryan Davis about pedestrian and bicycle safety. He plans on incorporating the issue in the authentic learning units the school district plans to implement for the 2016-17 school year.

9. Update on Wilson Drive Community Task Force

June 15 will be a public meeting open house at the Village Center for the public to come and provide feedback and several of the ideas generated by the Wilson Drive Task Force. Mr. Kuhlmann gave an update on the Traffic and Safety work group. The group walked along Wilson Drive earlier in the week to observe issues and add to their list of suggestions or ideas to improve Wilson Drive.

10. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Kuhlmann asked if letters will be sent out to those leaving the Committee. Mr. Burkart informed the Committee that he will be working with President Johnson and Village Clerk Tanya O'Malley to obtain signatures for the letters. Mr. Kuhlmann asked for the topic of a co-chair or a new chair on the next agenda.

11. Adjournment.

Ms. Benish moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Lynn. Motion approved by 4-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager