

MINUTES
WEST HARTFORD PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY JUNE, 11, 2018
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 400
Next Meeting July 9th 2018 @7:00PM ROOM 400

Board Members in attendance: Daniel Johnson, Scott Franklin, Mary Ellen Thibodeau, Sandy Frye, Dan Firestone, Jill Morawski, Laurie Silverman

Town Staff in Attendance: Helen Rubino-Turco

- 1) Report on Celebrate West Hartford – Ethan Frankel reported on Celebrate West Hartford Event. The bike corral had an average of 20 bikes parked at all times, total count over the weekend 100 bikes. The partnership with Leisure Services health challenge brought a steady flow of children to the booth. The challenge involved two safety questions. Approximately 30 people joined the Sunday morning bicycle ride. The town Police volunteered time to help cyclists' cross busy intersections.
- 2) Pedestrian Initiatives – Mary Ellen reported on Bike Walk audit, which provides continued attention to the safety and functionality of North Main St.. Hartford was designated a walk-friendly community status. West Hartford may consider applying for Walk Friendly community. Helen Rubino-Turco mentioned the sidewalk policy in Town and maintenance.
- 3) Helen Rubino-Turco stated that West Hartford was renewed at the Bronze level as bike friendly community. There is a pilot program for bike safety training at the middle school level, which is hoped to be introduced in School curriculum for 2019
- 4) A resident in reported on overgrown vegetation on the Trout Brook trail.
- 5) Ed Pawlak reported on the Legislative Action committee, development applications which have complete streets impact, that it is important to identify new matters as the enter the agenda
- 6) Update on local recreation bike routes. The green route is completed, The orange route is being worked on, the commission needs to review WestMoor Park parking. The Map is available on the Towns website as well as www.bikewesthartford.org
- 7) Daniel Johnson reported on a meeting held with Suzanne Oslander of the Hillcrest Area Neighborhood Outreach Center. Feedback was gathered from residents of the community on items the Pedestrian and Bicycle commission can assist with. The commission voted to send an email on behalf of the commission to the Town.
- 8) Scott Franklin reported 28 people attended the May bike to work event
- 9) Scott Franklin reported on the Boulevard milling and paving project which is complete.
- 10) Scott Franklin reported on a meeting held with town engineers regarding South Main Street - South of New Britain Ave.
- 11) Update on North Main Street road calming initiative, a decision has not been made by the town regarding a redesign. The question was raised of what standards do the town apply when making traffic calming initiatives compared to Asylum, New Park Avenue and Farmington Ave. The commission will propose a letter to request a response from the Town.
- 12) Helen Rubino-Turco read requests sent by business owners and residents about bike share programs. The Hartford Lime Bike program has spread awareness. Sandy Frye talked about data received on LimeBike usage.
- 13) July 23-July 27th, ICANBIKE Program is looking for volunteers, contact Scott Franklin

Meeting was adjourned 8:40PM

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Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Johnson, Board Member
West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission

