

MINUTES  
WEST HARTFORD PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, January 8, 2018  
WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 400

Board Members in attendance: Daniel Firestone, Ken Livingston, Daniel Johnson, Scott Franklin, Jill Morawski

There were approximately 12 people in attendance. A quorum of the West Hartford Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission was present.

Announcement: Next Meeting February 12th, 2018 @ 7:00PM Room 314

- 1) Pedestrian Initiatives – Community Planning and Physical Services committee meeting 1/17/18 room 312 @ 8:00am, up for discussion is North Main Street road development – limited opportunity for input.
- 2) Jill Morawski reported on legislative action committee
- 3) Update on local recreation routes – 3 town routes have been approved and working with sign manufacturer and press release for town. Total cost of signed designated loops approx \$13,000.00 to fully sign all 4 routed
  - a. Helen Rubino-Turco – the town will be replacing signs at various parks and other wayfinding signs. Recommend color matching with parks new color coordination. The town is looking to unify park design and appeal.
    - i. The town supports a policy that everyone deserves the ability to have a park within a 10-minute walk.
- 4) Regarding Education in the school systems - Meeting at South Windsor parks and rec dept (91 Ayer's Road South Windsor, CT) on January 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM
  - a. Helen Rubino-Turco, Lisa Daly (goal is to introduce bike curriculum into the middle schools), and Scott Franklin will be meeting January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- 5) North Main Street Road Calming initiative – majority of Town Council have been on walks
- 6) Town Staff on board with commission – Mark McGovern and Helen Rubino-Turco are the liaison to the town for pedestrian and bicycle commission concerns and agenda items, although they may appoint someone else to attend to represent on their behalf.
- 7) CT connectivity grant status has been put on hold due to lack of funding
- 8) Plan of conservation and development work is scheduled to start in the Spring (date TBD) – confirmed by Todd Dumais
- 9) Bicycle Friendly Status Application – Helen Rubino-Turco is waiting for a couple of submissions before submitting application, As Helen mentioned, we need to use Bike Friendly Designation as incentive to accomplish more within the town.
- 10) Bike Repair Stands – Ethan Frankel reported, DERO is recommended by Simsbury and Collinsville – Quotes \$1600-\$1700 and up.
  - a. Large enough for sponsorship branding
  - b. Ask West Hartford/Bloomfield health district
- 11) West Hartford How-To Festival 03/24/2018 (10am-3pm Noah Webster House) – How to change a Flat Tire without the use of a bike stand
- 12) An open discussion was held regarding a Strategic Plan for the Commission in 2018. The discussion will be continued February 12, 2018

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- 1) Cycling Without Age – Ken Sullivan reported the trailer is registered and offers more outreach opportunities, Hughes Home will be presenting CWA at a regional health care provider event
  - a. Recommended presenting to West Hartford Senior Citizens, Phil Walker is the chair
- 2) Ethan Frankel reported about Center Street development, need to focus on Fundraising and Membership growth (\$1748 in Memberships collected).
  - a. Follow through on memberships

Daniel Johnson, Board Member  
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