MINUTES Bike/Pedestrian Committee Meeting

May 15, 2019

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Attending: Tex Haeuser, Rosemarie De Angelis, Jeff Woodbury, Carol Lohrman, Jim Tasse, Susan Henderson, Tony Grande, Carl Eppich, Laura Mauldin, Justin Barker, Erik Weisenberger, Alan Mills, Brooks More/Wayne Lewis (S.P. Housing Authority)

1. Attendance was recorded

2. Access trail from Cyr’s Court to Middle School--Jeff Woodbury, Brooks More and Justin Barker gave information about the development of this trail. The SP Housing Authority has agreed to work cooperatively with the city to allow access through the back of their property, through the woods abutting the golf course and ending on Wescott Rd. near the location of the middle school/Skillin Elementary. De Angelis/Barker/More did a walk through of this path and Woodbury/Tasse did one at the beginning of these discussions. The path now exists and what is left is signage to define the path. Jeff will work with the Housing Authority, Justin Barker and Parks department to finalize a design for these signs and will report to the Bike/Ped Committee on progress. Markers will be on Broadway/Cyrs Court entrance to identify the trail and then at the trailhead. Smaller signs may be placed along the trail to show the direction of the path.

The Committee discussed a second possible phase of access along Broadway, beginning at the corner of Broadway and Westbrook Street. This will be discussed further at another meeting.

3. Westbrook Street Multi-use/Broadway Corridor/Middle School ped improvements--Tex Haeuser reported on the update of this project and his conversation with Manager Morelli. The committee discussed the possibility of a partial grant from MDOT and/or a separate bond item for $2million to fund this project. The committee had originally addressed the school department with the goal of adding this to the school bond in November. The Committee will pursue further information on this with conversation with Manager Morelli as well. This is a primary focus on this committee.

4. Seniors Steering Implementation Committee--Tony Grande reported on his work on this committee as well as possible support/input that Bike/Ped may provide in the future, specifically as it relates to park and path access and other transportation issues.

5. Demo Project--Jim Tasse of Bike Coalition of Maine reported on the plan to do a pop up demo at the intersection of Preble and Angel Ave.
MOTION--Moved by Tex Haeuser and seconded by Tony Grande: To support the BCM proposal for a pop-up demo at Preble/Angel and to authorize BCM to proceed to coordinate the demo with Public Works and the Police Department.

Approved vote: UNANIMOUS

6. Public Works Projects--Doug Howard--the Bike/Ped Committee received no information on upcoming projects

7. Temporary action on Cottage Road/Terra Cotta location move--Sue Henderson--the committee discussed the project as planned. It is now in the hands of Public Works but there was concern expressed regarding the timeline and continued changes in the area.

MOTION--Moved by Sue Henderson and seconded by Erik Weisenberger

That temporary traffic calming methods be instituted as soon as possible to provide some mitigation in the Cottage Road project, prior to the full implementation of permanent changes.

VOTE: Unanimous

OTHER: R. De Angelis reported on the traffic meeting at the Police Station on Monday night. There is concern with traffic in almost all neighborhoods and the group will meet again in June. It is clear that there are needs in many areas of the city. There was some discussion about adding bike lanes on Evans Street to create safer passage and to calm traffic. This will be discussed further at the June meeting of Bike/Ped which is scheduled for June 19 at 7:30AM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30AM.