

## **Minutes of the PBAC meeting of January 22, 2015.**

400 Witherspoon Street  
Municipal Meeting Room A, 7.30 p.m.

### **Present:**

Steve Kruse, Sam Bunting, Carolyn Sealton, Laurie Harmon, David Cohen,  
Alina Ferreira (Engineering Department), Heather Howard (Council Liaison),

### **Visitors**

Dan Rappoport, Tammy Brunet, Mike Suber, Jerry Foster (GMTMA)

### **Absent:**

Lisa Seryiessol

## **1. Organization of the committee**

The new Council liaison is Heather Howard.

Meetings will be held in 2015 on the fourth Thursday of each month except for November and December, in which case the meetings will be held on the third Thursday because of holidays.

There will be no meeting in August.

Laurie will replace David Cohen as vice-chair.

Steve Kruse will remain as Chair.

## **2. Accident report**

One 74-year-old male was struck at Wiggins and N Tulane Street. No further details were available.

## **3. Hamilton Avenue bike lanes**

Heather Howard advised there was a desire among Council members to get further public input before voting on bike lanes on Hamilton Ave. The public hearing may be carried over to a subsequent date.

Regarding Council member Simon's letter to the editor in local press, Steve Kruse advised that the Council member's letter was incorrect in identifying so many roads as current sites of potential bike improvements. Steve Kruse suggested that Mr Simon may have extrapolated from a visioning exercise prepared by Steve Kruse to determine potential bike circulation, which was uploaded to the PBAC website but was not intended to be a plan.

#### **4. Engineering Review**

##### *i. Upcoming engineering projects*

A list of prospective engineering projects was circulated by Alina Ferreira. Sam Bunting expressed the hope that the Engineering Department would continue to work with PBAC to implement Complete Streets as much as possible, at least until a full bicycle circulation plan is established.

The committee re-affirmed the importance of a Masterplan to specify how cyclists could get around the town, with guidelines on the type of infrastructure that might be appropriate.

The committee will inspect the upcoming projects and make suggestions at the next meeting about which ones warrant further comment by the committee.

##### *ii. Potential projects for a CMAQ application*

The committee discussed the possibility of applying for funds from a ‘clean air’ grant program administered by NJDOT on behalf of FHWA. Potential projects for such an application were discussed as:

- Lighting on Johnson Park Trail, for example, solar lighting
- A trail through the Gulick Farm tract
- Extension of sidepath to Sacred Heart Academy on Great Road.
- Connector to Lawrence Hopewell Trail around Christopher Drive on the pipeline ROW.

Jerry Foster suggested that connections to other towns would be particularly suitable for this program.

#### **5. Local Assistance Grant for Masterplan**

The committee aims to get funding from a local assistance grant from NJDOT for production of a Bike Circulation Masterplan. Sam will circulate a draft plan for comment by the committee. It is hoped that the engineering department, Traffic and Transportation Committee and Council will provide input.

#### **6. Distribution of the bike map**

The committee discussed potential distribution locations for the newly printed Princeton Bike Map, which looks very nice.

The following committee members agreed to assist with distribution:

- Heather will talk to the people at the Princeton public library
- Laurie will talk to the bike shops
- Carolyn will talk to Whole Earth Center
- Sam will talk to McCaffreys and Blue Ridge
- Dan Rappoport will bring some to NJBWC and Princeton Community Village
- Steve will talk to the manager of the Princeton Tour Company

Jerry suggested next to the new Princeton bikeshare at the Dinky Station, and asked for a box to distribute through GMTMA / WWBPA

Lisa may take some to distribute in the schools

## 7. Calendar of Events

Sunday June 14 is the new date for Ciclovía. It was agreed that this will take place at Quaker Road again this year, but the committee will actively investigate the possibility of having it in town in 2016, potentially in tandem with the ‘spring fling’ at the Princeton Shopping Center.

## 8. Goals

There was a brief review of goals (appended to these minutes).

Jerry Foster pointed out that regarding ‘Education’, local kids had been given instruction in safe cycling at the Princeton Youth Police Academy summer camp, and that this activity should be considered as an additional example of the kind of outreach activity that is taking place in Princeton.

Meeting concluded: 9.30 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 26.

Appendix.

Goals of the Princeton Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee for 2015 (final),

Objectives	Key Results
Improve facilities for walking and cycling through engineering	Produce a municipal bike masterplan. <b>Sam</b>
	Provide advice on Complete Streets for municipal engineering projects <b>Sam</b>
Build a cohesive community of local residents who are interested in walking and cycling	Distribute paper bike map <b>Steve</b>
	Participate in ‘Communiversities’ <b>Laurie</b>
	Repeat Ciclovía <b>Laurie</b> Repeat ‘Ride of the Falling Leaves’ <b>David</b>
Develop relationships to other organizations working to advance walking and cycling in the local region.	Attend NJBWC ‘Bike Summit’ in February <b>David</b>
	Identify contact person(s) in Princeton University (student community and staff) <b>Carolyn</b>
	Work with GMTMA to improve ‘Safe Routes To Schools’ programs <b>Lisa</b>
	Reach out to community groups including those involved with open space and trails. <b>Steve</b>
Provide education on cycling matters	Research best practice on education and outreach efforts that are effective. <b>Carolyn</b>
	Participate in ‘Wheels Rodeo’ <b>Lisa</b>
	Contact Les Leathem to find out more about LAB ‘Bike Skills’ class, and see if it could be offered through Rec Dept. <b>Carolyn</b>