

Minutes of the PBAC meeting of September 25, 2014.

7.30 Municipal meeting room A, 400 Witherspoon Street.

Present:

Steve Kruse (chair), Sam Bunting, Carolyn Sealfon, Laurie Harmon, Anita Jeerage, Lisa Serieyssol, Deanna Stockton (municipal engineer) Liz Lempert (Mayor).

Visitors

Misha Seminov

Absent:

David Cohen

1. Mayor's Ride Of The Falling Leaves

The date is still uncertain. Deanna will check if it is possible to get in to Mountain Lakes House on the weekend of October 19, potentially at 4 p.m. if necessary.

The following roles were assigned for making the ride happen:

- Anita will make a poster.
- Sam will disseminate publicity through Princeton media nodes.
- Lisa will distribute through the schools.
- David Cohen will do the cider
- Liz will invite special guests.
- Deanna will liaise with the police
- Steve Kruse will organize navigation and marshals, potentially involving marshals from the High School.

Our target this year is to grow to achieve 60-75 participants.

2. Prospect Ave Road Improvements

Prospect Avenue is a current Complete Streets demonstration project as part of a planned municipal capital works resurfacing project. Neighborhood feedback has indicated that it might be preferred to retain the existing traffic-calming islands at Prospect and Cedar, instead of replacing them with 'curb bulb-outs' for traffic calming.

Steve Kruse raised a motion to recommend that the islands are retained. Sam Bunting seconded the motion. The motion carried by 4-0 with 2 abstentions. This recommendation will be passed to the municipal engineers.

It was agreed that there would be future discussion about signage on the bike boulevard on Prospect Avenue so that cyclists and motorists will recognize it as a part of the municipal bike network. Misha pointed out that the bike boulevard signs in Berkeley, CA are particularly effective.

3. Review of planned municipal engineering projects.

Deanna presented a list of ongoing engineering projects (note: attached as appendix to this minute).

Deanna is in the process of putting together applications for state aid, and it was agreed that the Gulick Farm Tract at the end of Terhune Road would be a good site for a bikeway. Deanna will investigate the feasibility of an application involving this site.

October 8 is Walk to School Day. The Mayor has issued a proclamation in support of this event, and Deanna has informed all the schools about this proclamation. Lisa mentioned that she was masterminding Walk To School Day at the Johnson Park Elementary School. There will be a meeting next week between Johnson school officials and Jerry Foster about how best to implement this.

4. Paper Bike Map of Princeton

The Nat Case map is behind schedule due to some data whose release was delayed. For various reasons, the committee considered the current submissions for cover art to be sub-optimal. PBAC agreed to look for more photos for the cover of the bike map. In particular, images in 'portrait' orientation are more suitable.

5. Bike masterplan

The project to create a bike masterplan which would be formally included in the Princeton municipal Masterplan is currently not progressing. Sam Bunting asked why we were doing it if it was not a specific request from municipal staff or from Council. He noted that the previous Bike Masterplan, completed in 2002 was not implemented. Steve Kruse reiterated that creating masterplan was a key goal of PBAC. Liz agrees that it was an important objective.

The committee came to a consensus that it would be appropriate to set the creation of a bike masterplan as a high-level goal for PBAC. This goal will be presented to Council, with the hope that Council will find funds for professional assistance for writing a bike masterplan in conjunction with PBAC and municipal staff.

6. Goal Setting

The committee agreed that the next meeting should start with a consideration of goals for 2015. Sam will circulate a discussion document ahead of the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

Appendix A

Engineering Updates

9/25/14

- Hosted an ASCE webinar on Traffic Calming: Best Practices and Recent Trends
- Trip hazard sidewalks replaced in a portion of Fieldwood
- Trip hazard sidewalks cut on Nassau Street, Witherspoon Street, Witherspoon Jackson Neighborhood, Palmer Square / Hulfish
- Quaker Road pathway almost complete. Upon completion, it will extend from Battlefield State Park to the D&R Canal Towpath parking area
- Park, Moore, Vandeventer, Willow and Branch paved and striped; new signage to be coming; parking ordinance modifications needed to increase sight distance at some locations
- International Walk to School Day and Crossing Guard Appreciation Day Proclamation
 - Distributed to PPS and Princeton Charter School via email
 - Johnson Park School may schedule an event; Engineering and Police to advise
- Hamilton / Prospect:
 - Hamilton – T&T Committee endorsed bike lanes in each direction; a no parking ordinance will be introduced to Council in October
 - Prospect – Some neighbors are concerned about removal of the islands and the effectiveness of the proposed bumpouts for traffic calming.
 - Speed information is being recorded on Hamilton
- Neighborhood Meeting with Mt. Lucas residents scheduled for October 8, 7:00 pm, in the Main Meeting Room to discuss roadway design
- NJDOT Grant Applications Due 10/14/14:
 - Municipal Aid – Walnut Lane is proposed from Hawthorne to Guyot
 - Safe Streets to Transit – Mountain / Great Road Traffic Signal and / or Elm Road sidewalks are proposed
 - Bikeways??
- Parking Task Force meets on Monday, September 29 at 12 noon to begin discussions on overnight parking
- Engineering and Mayor to take part in Princeton Merchant Association's meeting in October regarding parking opportunities

- Meeting with Princeton University next week regarding their short term bike rental program
- Poe Road Sidewalk Assessment introduced 9/22/14; public hearing 10/27/14
- New freeB bus to be bid and it will include an option for a bike rack
- On-going discussions with NJDOT regarding various traffic signal improvements for pedestrians
- Getting bids for the installation of 2 pedestrian footbridges in Mountain Lakes Preserve
- Updating the Mountain Lakes Preserve / JW Woods / Tusculum trail maps in conjunction with FOPOS
- Lawrenceville will be resurfacing Province Line Road north of Rosedale in the next 30 days
- 2015 Capital Budget request:
 - Poe Road
 - Bank Street
 - Valley Road
 - Sturges / Robert / Forrester
 - Birch Avenue
 - Pardoe Road
 - Carriage Way, Potters Way, Hale, etc.
 - Rapid Flashing Beacons at D&R Canal and Alexander St
 - Great Road / Mountain Avenue Traffic Signal
 - Walnut Lane
 - Bikeways and Pedestrian Improvements
 - Alexander Street Bridge Replacement – municipal share of design