

PBAC Meeting May 3, 2023 :

Members:

Laurie Harmon

Perry Jones

Pallavi Nuka

Lisa Serieysol

Carol Hollingsworth

Adrian Serieyssol (Left early to study for AP tests)

Council Liaison:

David Cohen

Guests:

James LaLonde

Priyabrata Hota

Official Start:

7:18 pm.

Pallavi asked: possible to have a google drive where all things are saved?

David said that is fine legal wise.

Tineke already has something; coordinate with her. Perry will do this.

Feb and March minutes were approved.

David Cohen:

Report from Council.

Witherspoon Franklin down to Valley road; there was a concept meeting to look at this. Enhanced sharrows in the roadway, sidewalks raised on both sides. Speed limit lowered to 20 mph. There will be raised crosswalks at lots of spots to help slow down motorists. Sidewalk on west side of witherspoon on plan was only 5-6 feet wide, David C. requested that it be increased to accommodate school traffic; they will do that; should end up being 8 feet wide.

Wheels Rodeo: Will be May 13, 10 to 1. (Saturday) Was rained out on the April event.

Police department: Benevolent association is sponsoring a program where they will pay for Lyft rides from restaurants and bars in Princeton for people who don't want to drive after they have been drinking.

Engineering applied to NACTO for us to be a NACTO city. This is a rigorous process, and we are working on getting that status from NACTO.

Lisa: Does that mean we are going to do NACTO standards? David said; engineering is already trying to meet NACTO standards.

Engineering is working with the university about the possibility of making William street have “advisory bike lanes” like on College Street. Engineering and the University are working through some possible issues.

Lisa: Witherspoon Phase 1. What about Bike racks on Witherspoon? She is seeing some bikes locked to trees.

David: Believes that bike racks are part of contract, and road should be done in next month or so.

Laurie: What about mid-block crosswalk? Is it possible to make it more visible? David said that it isn't really possible, due to the height of the crosswalks on both sides. Laurie: Wants pavers to maybe be a different color? David: Probably not. Probably won't do high visibility for that crosswalk due to aesthetics.

Lisa: Is concerned with that crosswalk not being high visibility.

Electronic Sign on Nassau: Perry is concerned about the language. Currently is says “Bikes Scooters Skateboards” and then “Prohibited on sidewalks.” Perry wants “Downtown” to be added after “Prohibited on Sidewalks” so that people know that kids are allowed to ride on sidewalks outside of the downtown zone. Laurie emailed Deanna and David C. David said that he will follow up on this.

Priorities:

Add [jmlalonde@gmail.com](mailto:jmlalonde@gmail.com) to PBAC's public email list.

David comment on Master Plan:

Consultant is working with elements of the master plan sub-committee and planning board to work with draft elements of master plan. Not clear if these elements will be made public. However, when they are made public, it will be important for us to get involved and take a look at it. Important to have input on Draft elements if possible. Once the whole thing is made public, it will be more difficult to get involved.

Google doc: PBAC Projects.

Tineke will add her weights to the things she is interested in, as well as if she wants to be lead on any of these things.

Note: Each sub committee can only have a “less than quorum” number of committee members; only 3 basically. (If it was 4 for any subcommittee meeting, then they would have to have minutes, and public notice, etc.)

Subcommittee reports:

David: Vision Zero. There was a kick off meeting with Civic Eye recently; they passed around some communications priorities. David will share with this group, to get our input on priorities.

Carol: Comment on Elm Road. Every day there are bikers and runners on Elm Road. Runners run in the road. Also, lots of dump trucks. Twice we almost saw a bike rider get hit by a dump truck.

Bike to work day: May 19, Bike to work week May 15-21.

Events:

Ride of Silence. West Windsor Bike Ped; (their equivalent of PBAC, except for they are also an advocacy group). 7 pm. May 17. Group ride, but you're not supposed to talk during it. Memorializing people who have been killed or injured on bikes.

Laurie announced there will be no July Meeting. Pallavi can't come to August meeting. June we will meet, and try to hammer out sub committee meetings. July we should have draft for Master Plan; will be important for that subcommittee to meet.

Meeting adjourned 9:01 pm.