



Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board

Volunteer board members advising agencies of the state on policies, programs, and facilities for bicycles and pedestrians.



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REGULAR MEETING Friday June 22, 2018, 8:45 AM DOT Headquarters, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111, Room B

1.0 Preliminaries

9:01 am meeting opened

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

Sandy Fry (Vice Chair), Brian Kent, Ray Rauth, Francis Pickering, Rod Parlee, Alan Sylvester

1.2 Minutes

April meetings accepted

Input from Visitors

Sue Smith, new Bike Walk CT Executive Director.

Introduced herself and looks forward to working with BPAB

Bob Dickinson, South Windsor

Presented his proposal for lane width guidelines based on roadway speed limit. Bob also suggested that the BPAB website include a place where current legislative initiatives can be posted.

2.0 Reports

Discussion of 6/20/18 meeting regarding the Strategic Highway Safety Plan: minor adjustments to Action Steps, how to encourage better safety for non-motorized users, more action oriented, improved data analysis.

Sandy reported that CTDOT has initiated regional safety plans for each COG.

2.1 DOT Projects and News

Patrick Zapatka

Reported that the Bike/Ped Needs Assessment form is currently being updated. Sandy requested that a draft be shared with BPAB for review.

Patrick gave the Power Point presentation "Nationally Connected, Locally Invested" on recent (2018) Community Connectivity Program Road Safety Audits including an ongoing RSA that will encompass a 23 mile long corridor of Route 1 from Greenwich to Westport.

There was much discussion regarding RSA and related Bike/Ped issues during and after the presentation. One topic of concern is the inconsistent interpretation of Complete Streets guidelines by DOT district offices, especially concerning streetscape projects in village centers.

Patrick indicated that RSA reports are available on the CT Connectivity website and that he can make this presentation available to BPAB

The active transportation Plan (Bicycle Pedestrian Plan) is being reviewed by upper management (nb – the committee saw a draft of this plan in late spring 2017 and has not seen any additional information on the plan since then.

2.2 Bike Walk CT Update

Sue Smith mentioned that the federally funded "Build Grant" (formerly TIGER) has a 7/19/18 submission deadline

3.0 Old Business

3.1 2017 Report

It was requested by members that an electronic copy of the report and cover letter be sent to all board members.

3.2 Website Update

Rod mentioned that the 2017 report Cover Letter hadn't been added to the BPAB website pdf version. Brian to take care of this.

Question whether the internet renewal has been taken care of. Did CTDOT take care of the cost? Need update from Neil.

Sandy reminded members that we should each take a hard look at the website, based upon our April board meeting discussion – think about who our target audience is. What information/resources do they need from us. At that meeting we talked about guidance on how citizens can impact transportation projects, how funding decisions are made, how do paths get planned, designed, built. How to get a complete streets policy passed in your town. How to become a bike friendly or walk friendly town. We would like to discuss this at the next meeting.

3.3 Membership

No discussion

4.0 New Business

Slate of Officers for Executive Committee.

Neil was not in attendance but had earlier conveyed to Sandy his intention to resign as Chair but remain as a regular member. Sandy has volunteered to become Chair; Brian has volunteered to become Vice Chair; Joe was not in attendance but had earlier conveyed to Sandy his intention to remain as Secretary. The following slate was unanimously endorsed and will be voted on at the next meeting: Chair – Sandy Fry, Vice Chair – Brian Kent, Secretary – Joe Balskus

Meeting adjourned 10:30am

Meeting notes prepared by Brian Kent

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