Pedestrian Bike Committee

January 20, 2021 7:30-9:00 A

MINUTES

Members Present:
Rosemarie De Angelis, Carl Eppich, Tony Grande, Tex Haueser, Sue Henderson, Doug Howard, Laura Mauldin, Alan Mills, Paul Niehoff, Officer Rocco Navarro, Jim Tasse, Jeff Woodbury, Erik Weisenburger

Others Present:
Cashel Stewart

Members Not in Attendance:
Carol Lohrmann

1. Introduction of Cashel Stewart
   - Sustainable Transportation Coordinator
   - Managing the neighborhood byway program in Portland
   - Revamped pedestrian wayfaring signage
   - Traffic studies
   - Interested in all things bike/ped

2. Formalizing/Improving Wildcat Trails, Eric Weisenburger
   - Highland Ave/Evans by Barberry Creek, behind Docks, behind the Transfer Station
   - The South Portland open space plan did not list properties, created a process.
   - There are three owners: The City of South Portland, the cemetery and Portland Pipeline
   - License agreements, formalizing handshake agreements for trail maintenance and any safety, revocable at will. The planner in Cape would be a good reference. Short, temporary, and revocable if the property is sold.
   - It is developable land, currently zoned residential. It’s a big area that could be sold.
   - The City does have license agreements with Portland Pipeline for Bug Light Park and portions of the Greenbelt

Next Step:
   - Tex to contact Barbara D. Erik and Jim to discuss walking the trail or share a map.
3. AARP Pedestrian Support, Tony Grande
   ● AARP has wanted to provide support to South Portland
   ● 3 year program, Age Friendly South Portland
   ● Apply for grants/challenge grants, could be used for Bike Racks, Speed Traps, Demonstration Projects, outreach, surveys, signage

   Next Steps:
   ● Jim to send sample challenge grant proposal to Tony
   ● Tony, Jim, Doug, Rocco (and involve Cashel Stewart and Donna) to meet and discuss in subcommittee

4. Traffic Updates, Officer Navarro
   ● Broadway and Evans changes
     ○ One accident, rear end
     ○ A few complaints, but also received positive feedback. Most of the striping has worn off. Need to restripe in the spring. Considering moving the left hand turn lane for left hand turn onto Lincoln St.
     ○ Tony suggested using recessed painting, but Doug mentioned challenges with installation and if it isn't installed properly it doesn't last and is very expensive.
   ● Officer Navarro created a presentation containing collecting speed data on various streets and will share with the group. It is also posted on his Calm the Traffic Facebook page
     ○ [https://www.facebook.com/SopoCalmthetraffic/](https://www.facebook.com/SopoCalmthetraffic/)
     ○ A recording of the recent presentation is also available on the Facebook page
   ● Slow Me Down, Bike Coalition of Maine
     ○ [https://www.bikemaine.org/slow-me-down/](https://www.bikemaine.org/slow-me-down/)

5. Sidewalk Plowing, Rosemarie De Angelis/Doug Howard
   ● PW plows 40-45 miles of sidewalk each storm. PW is currently short staffed, even with recruiting efforts. Roads need to be plowed first, and then the sidewalks cleared. The snowblowers run at 1 mile/hr, if everything runs smoothly and no one needs gas. So, it just takes time.
   ● Sidewalks in front of Avena should be closed due to the construction, so will not be plowed until construction is complete/next year
   ● Small section will be plowed
   ● Age Friendly South Portland has done two pilot projects:
6. Add Tex Haeuser to Bike Ped Committee, Rosemarie De Angelis
   ● Motion made by Erik Weisenburger
   ● Seconded by Jeff Woodbury
   ● Unanimous support

7. Minutes from 11-18
   ● Reviewed by Chair De Angelis
   ● Motion to approve minutes by Alan Mills
   ● Seconded by Erik Weisenburger
   ● Unanimous support

Next Meeting:
February 24
7:30-9:00
Location: ZOOM

Follow ups from prior meetings:
   ● Communicate project status and timeline:
     ○ Letters to the Editor
     ○ South Portland Newsletter
     ○ Ken Kunin, South Portland School Department Superintendent

Links of Committees and Projects Discussed
   ● South Portland Middle School
     ○ https://www.spsd.org/district/middle-school-project
   ● Calm the Traffic
     ○ https://www.facebook.com/SopoCalmthetraffic/
   ● SlowME Down
     ○ https://www.bikemaine.org/slow-me-down/
   ● Age Friendly South Portland
Respectfully submitted,
Laura Mauldin, Secretary