



Orleans Bike and Walkways Committee



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The November 1, 2010 meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judi Weil at 4:06 P.M.

Members:

Present: Judi Weil, Chairperson, Kevin Higgins, Wayne Richardson, Carl Freeman acting Secretary

Regrets: Patricia Bradley, Vice Chairperson; Eric Ehnstrom

Absent: Alison Flynn

Selectman Liason: Jon Fuller

Jon gives a report on his visit to Kortrijk, Belgium and the state of bike travel there.

Jon described that in Kortrijk there is a prevailing attitude of vehicle drivers and bicyclists that have learned to deal with each other. Most roads have a dotted line 2 ½ wide on the right side of the road that is dedicated for bike travel. To aid this vehicles are on average much smaller than in America, as well as larger trucks barred from the crowded downtown.

Around the city center there are separate, smaller traffic lights for bike traffic, that work in tandem with the 89 roundabouts , where bikers are given the right of way.

At the train stations there are massive bike racks, every family has at least one bike.

In France there are almost no bike paths AND if a biker is hit, it is the fault of the biker.

Public Comment: None

Review/Approve Monthly Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the October 4th minutes and was seconded, passing 4-0-0.

Review/Update Action Items:

103: Accident Log

No accidents to report. Judi is looking into integrating with the O.F.D. for their accident log. It is suspected that some accidents are not being reported as bike accidents. Carl stated he will ask Walter Brooks about the method Cape Cod Today (an online newspaper) uses to access their accident reports.



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106: Safe Routes to School Program:

Carl & Wayne gave their report on the Safe Routes seminar from the Mass DOT. Throughput is a new buzzword to define more narrow roads to slow traffic while still getting traffic to move through a congested area. The narrow roads contribute to better safety for riders. Early dismissal for kids that walk or ride to school encourage exercise. Carl recorded the names of State DOT Dept. heads to consult for more specific information on existing programs.

Sheri Fordel of Eastham Bikeways Committee requests that Carl or Wayne attend one of their meetings to share the 'Moving Together' conference details.

115: South Orleans Feasibility Trail Study:

Judi has written a letter to the Water Commissioners proposing possible paths through the watershed. She'll propose it at the next Water Commissioners meeting on Wednesday November 3rd, 1:30 Nauset room at town hall.

119: International Worker Training/Chamber of Commerce:

Wayne distributed helmets from the Governors Highway Safety to the J-1 employees.

136: Mass Bike

November 10th at the Hyannis Transportation Center, Cape Bike Committee's will meet with Mass transit Authority to discuss State grant money available and how to distribute it to the towns. Cape Cod Regional Transit hopes to get \$3,000 - \$5,000 for bike racks.

131: Coast to Coast:

Eastham has agreed to combine on the event. Our part will be on Sunday, theirs on Saturday, possibly until the week before Mother's day, (Bike week). A theme was discussed such as visiting historic sites, starting at first encounter beach.

134: Safety Video NRHS/Cable Channels

Project on hold.

137: Roadway Master Plan:

Orleans has bike racks, and is proposing to give it to a business that agrees to install it on their premises. Proposed locations for other bike racks: Rock Harbor, Windmill, Salt Water Grill, the post office on Main Street.

An idea was presented on attaching trailers to buses to help expand bike carrying capacity on buses from just 2 bikes.



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138: Beach to Beach Sidewalk:

A letter was emailed to Margie Fulcher to remind her that our Committee is willing to take on the task of determining the scope of the project.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Kevin brought up the issue of bike registering. Carl gave him the name of the DMV head.

Next meeting : Dec. 6th 2010

Carl Freeman – Acting Clerk

*Judith Weil Chair
for Carl Freeman*