

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES 11/18/13

In attendance: Beth Emery, Ron Krom, Howard Reid, Cindi Perugini, Pam Frost

Acceptance of minutes of 10/21/13 meeting: Howard, Cindi

**Action Plan Review:**

Howard suggested the committee review 1 section and build it out at each meeting. #5 and #7 were discussed.

Discussion for Community Event:

**#5: Organize and hold a biking/walking community event and ongoing events.**

1. National Bike Week 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May: Family friendly bike ride

Routes to consider if we have backing of the City PD and Mayor's Office:

- Wesleyan Hills Project tie in to this, depending on timing
- River Road-tie into Riverfront development project
- Westside Trail Grand Opening: Talk with John regarding the official opening date
- Routes near Wesleyan University similar to the Pedal Power rides
- Pratt and Whitney/NU area: open up the road for one day event?
- Cyclovillias: close down Main Street to vehicle traffic
- Make it a fundraiser?
- Bike Safety Event (Rodeo) who sponsors the event: Health Department, Kiwanis Club, Middletown PD? Tie into this event?
- Mass cycling event

Beth will talk with John about initiating conversation for the above project (s)

Who will be target audience: families and casual riders?

2. National Bike to Work Week May 12-14, 2014

**Item #7: Research regarding Middletown becoming a bike friendly community:**

Beth talked about the League of American Bicyclists 25 page application which consists of extensive research and data collection in order to be considered as a Bike Friendly Community. We should begin taking a look at it to assess where to begin our process. Pam suggested Beth minimize what we need to get started.

**Adoption of Master Plan into Plan of Conservation and Development:**

The Complete Streets presentation scheduled for December 11, 2013 has been postponed. Some concerns were expressed regarding this being the second time our presentation was postponed. Beth explained the reason for this postponement was in response to the P & Z Commission not having a

quorum for the previous meeting. The next scheduled presentation date will be held firmly.

On the positive side it will provide committee members additional time to hone their presentations and get feedback from the public at the presentation on December 3, 2013 at the Russell Library.

**Traffic Count at West and Washington Street:**

Has DOT conducted a traffic account at this location? Cindi will check with DOT.  
If not should CS members do one? If nothing else maybe do pedestrians and bicycle count? CS members should begin to think about questions for DOT at the December 16, 2013 public input meeting for the West Street Bridge.

**Update Wesleyan Hills Project:**

Interviews for Engineer Firms will be conducted December 3, 2013.

**Presentations to other committees: Public Safety, Parks and Recreation, Public Works**

Committee members are unsure which committee should be addressed first; prior to P & Z or after? Further clarification is needed.

**Bike Safety Education Event at Macdonough School:**

Beth stated the spring will be a better time for her to conduct a bike safety event.

**Community Events Calendar:**

Kate could not be present but provided a list of upcoming events:

Nov. 19	Rockfall Foundation Community	5:30 pm
Nov. 20	Riverfront Redevelopment Meeting	
Nov. 26	Airline Trail Expansion Meeting Portland Library	7 pm
Nov. 29 & 30	Holiday on Main Middletown	
Dec. 3	Jonah Center/Complete Streets Presentation Russell Library	7 pm
Dec. 16	West Street Bridge Public input Meeting Common Council Chambers	7 pm

**River Road @ Railroad tracks: site of Cindi's accident in September.**

Beth suggested Cindi contact DOT through website and report a problem. Cindi will follow up and contact below:

<http://www.ctbikemap.org/>  
<http://seeclickfix.com/middletown>

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Next meeting scheduled for December 9, 2013 7 PM, Council Chambers

