

Complete Streets Committee Minutes March 11, 2013

Present: Brian Kent (Kent+Frost); Kate Wolfe, Ron Krom, Pam Frost, Cindi Perugini, Mark Thompson, Beth Emery, Howard Reid, John Hall

Most of the time was spent reviewing and discussing maps included in the almost final draft of the Complete Streets Master Plan. Additional routes were marked, schools were highlighted, and some changes to the legend were suggested. (After the meeting, Kate Wolfe also suggested highlighting a few major hiking and mountain biking areas or recreation areas, such Wadsworth Park, Maromas, and new soccer fields on route of multi-use trail.)

We also discussed:

- Next steps in bringing the plan to city commissions and eventually to the Common Council, connecting with schools, and the next phase of our work as a group.

- Middletown's Complete Streets logo. There was general consensus that we want the logo to say "walking and biking" with emphasis on these activities. If features of the logo that include "streets" or identifiable features of Middletown, all the better, but not essential.

Action items were as follows.

Brian Kent will incorporate suggestion changes regarding maps into Master Plan

Pam Frost will engage Middlesex Community College graphic design team to develop logo

Brian will send to Mark Thompson and/or others on the committee links to on-line surveys that we may find useful in the future.

John Hall will contact Bill Warner about taking plan to City commissions (Econ. Development; Public Works; Planning & Zoning, Public Safety) (Post-meeting Note: We are scheduled to present to Econ. Development on Mon. April 8 at 7 p.m. in Room 208 of City Hall; and to P&Z Commission on Wed. April 10, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.)

Howard Reid and Ron Krom will begin to develop an "Action Plan" for the Committee, of the sort used by S. Windsor but obviously different from theirs since we are starting in a different place.

John Hall also invited anyone who wishes to attend the Bike-Walk Summit in New Haven on April 27 to ride with him. The event starts at 9 a.m. and he will return at 2:30 p.m. Ginny Hole from S. Windsor will be there.

We discussed various events for the coming season: a Bike Education Event for the schools, and a “traffic benchmarking” event utilizing many volunteers to count pedestrians and cyclists at key locations.

Note: Our next meeting (April 8) will be in Rm 208 immediately after the presentation to Econ Development Commission. Our May 13 meeting will be held at Tighe & Bond engineering, on the 9th floor of the Middlesex Mutual Assurance Building (corner of Court and Broad Streets)

Respectfully submitted,
John Hall,