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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting

7:30 AM to 8:55 AM, Wednesday August 29, 2018

210 Main St., 2nd Floor City Hall, Planning & Sustainability, Northampton (use front door)

MEMBERS

Debin Bruce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maggie Chan (DPW) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael DiPasquale
Wayne Feiden (Plan) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Boudreau <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Lowenthal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Ruthy Woodring <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Public Comment: Jay Vinsky spoke in favor of a mid-block crosswalk on Barrett Street.

Committee members discussed current projects:

1. Membership: The committee has lost two members (David Paine and Jo Ella Tarbutton). Brett Constantine expressed interest in serving. Wayne Feiden will recommend Brett and Nick Horton to the Transportation and Parking Commission to appoint as new members.
2. Rocky Hill Greenway (Rte 10-Rte 66 and Burts Bog): The Rocky Hill Greenway at Route 10-Route 66 is nearing the 25% design public hearing stage. The city is waiting for approval of a grant for the Burts Bog leg of the trail.
3. MassCentral Leeds extension: The trail in Leeds will soon be paved to the Williamsburg. The committee worked on the language for the Share the Trail signs to be funded from this grant.
4. Recreation Trails Grant rehabilitation grant: The City has received preliminary approval of a \$100,000 grant to fix root problems along the trails near downtown.
5. ValleyBike: The bike share program is attracting 20,000 miles of bike trips per month, but is still having problems with bike equipment that is reducing the number of bikes on the street. The committee discussed measures undertaken to improve social equity (locating two stations near affordable housing and providing for low income and unbanked memberships)
6. Main Street redesign: The city received bids for the redesign of Main Street and is currently reviewing them. Committee members can review on-line and send in any comments.
7. City Hall and Cracker Barrel Alley: The curb extension at City Hall and closing Cracker Barrel Alley to cars has been completed and so far is a success.
8. Form based code: The city is redoing its zoning code downtown and in Florence to be clearer, more responsive, and include street design standards.
9. Movable Parklet: For 2018, the Parklet lives on Market Street.
10. DPW updates: DPW has an aggressive repaving program for 2018, with downtown streets (Pleasant and Hampton Avenue) and streets all over the city.
11. Friends of Northampton Trails and Greenways report out and discussion
12. Snow removal- how to ensure clear sidewalks: Alex Jarrett advocated for plowing of sidewalks on primary journey to school. There was some suggestion that the City Youth Commission might want to take this on as a project. The committee expressed interest in asking DPW and Police to make recommendations and quantify costs.

The committee adjourned at 9:00 AM.

