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Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting
241 Main Street, 4th Fl. Hartford, CT, CRCOG Large Conference Room
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
12:00 p.m.

Name

Amy Watkins
Lon Hultgren
Martha Conneely
Susan Smith
Mark Moriarty
Matt Bordeaux
Ginny Hole
Gannon Long
Patrice Carson
Gerald Ledger
Todd Sealy
Anthony Cherolis
Darrin Rees
Chris Squires

Affiliation

Watch for Me CT
Bike Mansfield
Riverfront Recapture
Bike/Walk CT
City of New Britain
Town of Manchester
South Windsor Walk and Wheel Ways
Center for Latino Progress
Town of Bolton
Town of Granby (resident)
Town of Windsor
Center for Latino Progress
LimeBike Hartford
Bicycle Advocate

CRCOG Staff

Tim Malone
Emily Hultquist

Roll Call

1. Call to Order: Tim Malone called the meeting to order at 12:00pm. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

2. Public Forum

Nobody from the public chose to speak

3. Approval of Minutes of the March 13, 2018 and June 12, 2018 Meetings

Tim Malone requested a motion to approve the March minutes.

Motioned by Patrice Carson; Seconded by Chris Squires
Motion was approved

Tim Malone requested a motion to approve the June minutes.

Motioned by Patrice Carson; Seconded by Bruce Miller.

Motion was approved

4. Updates and News

CRCOG staff gave an overview of recent updates and news. Emily Hultquist reminded committee members of the Open Planning Studio that CRCOG is holding for the Complete Streets Plan on October 10 and 11. She also noted that the network map is still available online.

Other updates included:

- Trail openings and completions
- Recent LOTCIP project selections by CRCOG
- Save the dates for a number of meetings and events
 - Committee members gave updates on the grand opening of the Bike NB Center, the Discover CT ride, a pedestrian awareness event in New Britain, Pedal to the Medal, Bike/Walk CT's annual dinner, and events held by Transport Hartford.
- An update on the 2018 Bike/Ped Count

5. Presentation on the Coventry-Bolton Nathan Hale Greenway Study

Patrice Carson gave a presentation on the status of the Coventry-Bolton Nathan Hale Greenway Study. The study was funded through a Recreational Trails grant and is looking at land that was taken for the defunct Route 6 Expressway project. The study is not finalized yet, but the early results from surveys and outreach indicate that people generally prefer a footpath instead of a full multi-use trail.

Committee members had questions about: the length (2.5 miles); surface material (dirt); cost (\$112k) and width (4 to 6 feet). Committee members had a discussion about conflicts between property owners and recreational users. They also discussed conflicts between various types of trail users and discussed how conflicts are addressed in other places.

6. What's New in My Town

Individuals used this time to update the committee on news in their town:

- South Windsor
 - Applying for a recreational trails grant to fund design of a 6.2 mile trail.
- Windsor
 - The town hired a new Assistant Planner
 - The town acquired the Mill Brooke golf course and is trying to determine a use for it.
- Manchester
 - The town is reapplying for a recreational trails grant to fund the Cheney Rail Trail
 - The town, with CRCOG's help, installed a pop-up parklet on Main Street.

- Bolton
 - The ribbon cutting of the latest section of Bolton’s portion of the East Coast Greenway will likely occur in the Spring
 - The Town is applying for a recreational trails grant to fund a connection between the elementary school and the town center
- Granby
 - The town completed its sidewalk project and is installing lighting
 - DOT is planning to build a roundabout at five corners
 - The FCHT has nine bike repair stations; two have been vandalized
 - Route 20 trail crossing has a lot of crashes. DOT is going to install a HAWK system
- Lime Bike
 - The privately financed bike share system launched in June
 - Over 40,000 rides in four months
 - The average trip length is a quarter mile
- East Hartford (Chris Squires)
 - The Putnam Bridge project is still in design
 - There was a meeting regarding trail gaps in East Hartford
- Center for Latino Progress (Tony Cherolis)
 - Received a grant to install crosswalk signs
 - Held a number of Transport Hartford Talking Transportation events
 - Did a walk audit of the roundabouts in Glastonbury
- Mansfield (Lon Hultgren)
 - Working with UCONN to become a bike friendly university
- Watch for Me CT (Amy Watkins)
 - Holding a training for police officers on the 25th with 35 officers from across the state
- Center for Latino Progress (Gannon Long)
 - Crosswalk signs have been installed as part of the Road to Zero grant project
 - Hiring youth to work with CLP to create campaigns for youth
- Riverfront Recapture
 - 2.5 mile extension of the riverwalk breaking ground in the Spring
 - Interested in completing connections to the Putnam bridge
 - Now participating in the Connecticut Trail Census
- Bike/Walk CT (Susan Smith)
 - Providing bike valets for the Discover CT ride
 - Bike Walk has a fleet of bikes that are available for town events
- New Britain
 - The city is working on 8 phases of the complete street project
 - Received a TAP grant for the Stanley Trail Loop
 - Received \$337k from the Community Connectivity program for bike/ped infrastructure around CCSU

9. Other business

No other business.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm