

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Committee Meeting – DRAFT Minutes

TIME:NOON

DATE: **Tuesday September 14, 2021**

PLACE: Zoom Call

<i>Name</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
Lon Hultgren	Bike Mansfield
Eugene Nichols	CT DPH
Pete Salomone	Plainville Greenway Alliance
Peter Gillespie	Town of Wethersfield
Joel LaChance	New Haven resident
Rob Peters	Hartford resident
Kyle Shiel	Town of Manchester
John Dibiasi	Town of Manchester
Patrice Carson	Town of Bolton
Michele Lipe	Town of South Windsor
Bruce Cyr	Town of Farmington
Aaron Goode	Elm City Cycling
Mary Pelletier	
Jules Pitt	

CRCOG Staff

Michael Cipriano

Caitlin Palmer

Tim Malone

Roll Call

1. **Call to Order:** Tim Malone called the meeting to order at 12:02pm. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves.
2. **Public Forum**
Nobody chose to speak.
3. **Approval of Minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting**
Tim Malone asked for a motion to approve the minutes
Motioned by Patrice Carson; Seconded by Lon Hultgren
Motion was approved.
4. **Updates and news**
CRCOG Staff gave an overview of recent updates and news. (the [presentation](#) is posted on the CRCOG website)
5. **Presentation: Manchester's Experience with Parklets and Streeteries**
Kyle Shiel gave a presentation on the City of Hartford's Reimagine Main Street project.
6. **What's New in My Town**
Individuals used this time to update the committee on news in their town:

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John Dibiasi (Manchester)

- Working on a parks, recreation, and facilities master plan
 - Accessible trails piece
 - Plans to connect different pieces together
- Mini-parklet projects going on
- New stamped concrete plazas

Lon Hultgren (Mansfield)

- Town schools hosted a train the trainer workshop
- Looking to get Bike/Walk CT to come back and implement the training in 4th grade
- Creating a bike routes and points of interest map
- There is a health district project to do some mapping
- Updating draft bike/pedestrian plan
- Working on bike friendly community renewal

Patrice Carson (Bolton)

- Working on community connectivity grant
 - Shovels in the ground this month or next month
 - Connect center school with town hall

Michelle Lipe (South Windsor)

- Got no bids for sidewalk connection project
- Committed \$1 million of covid funds for sidewalks
- Parks and rec working on cross town trail

Pete Salomone (Plainville)

- The Farmington Canal Heritage Trail is in design from town line road to Norton Park
- Construction to start in 2023

Peter Gillespie (Wethersfield)

- Bicycle and pedestrian plan should be wrapped up soon
- Heritage Way bike path was dedicated as a Connecticut Greenway
- Three or four projects in the design phase
 - Waiting for CTDOT to tell us when the Putnam bridge trail connection will go out to bid
 - Reconstruction of Great Meadow Road
 - Small projects through the Community Connectivity Grant Program
 - Installing a bike repair station at Millwood Park
 - Working with local health district

Rob Peters

- Part of an exploratory committee looking to get an open streets project in Hartford
- AARP is hosting a webinar to discuss what they are
- Shooting for summer of 2022

Mary Pelletier

- Work on the park river watershed
- A controversy is the relationship between rivers and bikeways and roadways.
- Need to preserve the rivers. Often a conflict between transportation and riverways.

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

Motioned by Patrice Carson; Seconded by Peter Gillespie
The meeting was adjourned at 12:51pm.