

**Bike Friendly Camp Hill
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
January 2020**

Q1 Meeting - Thursday, 1/23/2020, Camp Hill Boro Hall 7.30pm
(and follow-up until 1/25/2020)

Attendees: Bob Diehl, Luisa Lassoová, Ross Willard (Recycle Bicycle), Marilyn Chastek, Nick Decker, Tim Poole, Rod Bender

- 1) Bike Month activities and other upcoming events:
 - a) March 21st BSCPA Bike Summit at HACCC Lancaster (contact Marilyn)
 - b) May 2nd or 3rd Bike-Month kickoff (Tim)
 - c) May 13th Ride of Silence (Ross)
 - d) Bike Trailer ride to coincide with Kite Festival (Bob D)
 - e) Ice Cream Ride? (Marilyn?)
 - f) Harrisburg Bike Club is planning a number of activities
 - g) Tim will explore what else could be offered
- 2) Report from the **Public Safety Committee**: The meeting took place the same day at 4.30pm. Luisa L went. We are requested to have a **BFC presence at each meeting**, but the time and date of these meetings might change. Rod, Bob, Tim and Matt are all available for daytime meetings. Luisa could go to evening meetings. We will take turns.
 - a) Pork chop at 19th/Chestnut and 24th to Eisenhower sidewalk are in the 2020 budget.
 - b) Conodoguinét Greenway was discussed, see item 2
 - c) Pat Dennis and Car Schultz would like to have **monthly meetings with a BFC rep.** Matt, Bob, Tim and Rod are available and will take turns. Bob will coordinate scheduling with Pat.
 - d) Which items from the Bike/Ped engineering study should we tackle next? Fiala-Compost Trail was discussed but might be too expensive. 27th/Creston might make it into the 2021 budget.
 - e) Flashing school signals will be installed at CH Middle/High this Fall
 - f) Exploring possibility of flashing pedestrian crossing on market at Holmes and/or Zag's.
 - g) Wayfinding signs to underpass to prevent pedestrians crossing at 21st and bypass? (BFC needs to advocate for an actual crossing opportunity at this location, rather than just enforcing the prohibition).

- h) Sam Robbins has made an inventory (Excel spreadsheet) of all existing crosswalks and noted which ones are in need of paint refreshing or other improvement. Selected crosswalks will be upgraded to continental style (zebra stripes), but this is costly.
 - i) Chief Margeson reported that in 2019, there were 4 crashes with injuries (none of them severe) that involved cyclists or pedestrians.
- 3) Friends of the Conodoguinet Greenway:
- a) We are applying for a DCNR grant (deadline April 22) to be matched by a Land Partnership Grant (Cumberland County) in order to fund a feasibility study.
 - b) Luisa presented to Public Safety Committee; all members were enthusiastic about the project & very supportive.
 - c) Camp Hill Borough intends to provide letter of support, **to be voted on February 12th at the Borough Council Meeting. BFC should send representatives.**
 - d) The study focus points for Camp Hill will be the path through Siebert (Pool to Creek Road) and an ADA-compliant trailhead at the boat launch, including parking, porta-potties and a possible bike share station. As part of the feasibility study, the path through Siebert will be coordinated with Sam Robbins and CH plans for pump station relocation.
 - e) Camp Hill Borough will include a small \$\$ contribution in the 2021 budget
 - f) BFC will also provide a support letter to FoCG, to be signed by Tim Poole (Chair Emeritus)
- 4) Strategic Plan Steering Committee:
- a) Matt Byers is the BFC representative, has attended the January 16 meeting and will attend coming meetings January 30, February 13 (7-9pm)
- 5) Goddard Trail improvements in Siebert park:
- a) Rod Bender has biked the steep section that is not paved but covered with mulch; he found it potentially hazardous for cyclists. A warning sign when coming down the hill would be helpful. Rod has already mentioned this to Audrey.
- 6) Bike Share program - expansion to Camp Hill: Jenna Lewis of CIS-PA has provided the following update: "The required documents for the grant have been received by the municipalities involved. When the drawdown is complete, the 60-day process for launching the bike stations will begin - hopefully this spring".
- 7) Bike/Ped Engineering Study follow-up:
- a) Sidewalk from 24th to Eisenhower along bypass – 2020 budget
 - b) South 19th & Chestnut pork chop – 2020 budget
 - c) Creston Rd and 27th Street underpass - 2021 budget?
 - d) Market St crosswalks – being worked on by Public Safety Committee

- e) Siebert Park Creek trail – part of Conodoguinet Greenway feasibility study
 - f) **Fiala-Compost Trail aka trail along the I-581 sound wall – we need to keep advocating for this**
 - g) Walnut and N 21st intersection – being discussed by public safety but no solution yet
 - h) Lincoln/Logan crossing at 32nd – not being discussed, might not be possible
- 8) **Schools – Bike Safety Education**
- a) Chief Margeson and Officer Capers are very much in favor, but we are lacking buy-in from the school district.
 - b) Driver's education is provided in 10th grade, but bike safety is not emphasized enough. Teenagers emerge from Driver's Ed very conscious about wearing their seat belt and being safe while driving, but all this goes out the window when they get on their bikes. Teens have been seen around town biking at night without helmets or lights, wearing all black. This is a tragedy waiting to happen. Kids this age don't listen to their parents. More bike safety education needs to come from the schools.
 - c) However, it seems that the school district is very reluctant to spend time on anything that is not part of the PA State curriculum. We have not made much headway in the past approaching teachers or the school district. Perhaps we should try talking to the **School Board?**
- 9) Bike racks for businesses:
- a) **Bike Rack Installation Guide** created by Matt Byers has been distributed by email to BFC mailing list and is on website. Needs to be distributed to business owners as well.
- 10) Times and dates of future BFC meetings (all Thursdays, 7.30 pm):
- April 23, 2020
 - July 23, 2020
 - October 22, 2020

The next BFC Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 23, 2020 @7.30pm**
Location: Camp Hill Boro Hall

All meetings are open to the public.

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