



NEWBURYPORT LIVABLE STREETS

Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2024 – 7:00 pm
Senior Community Center

- Welcome / Introductions
- Approval of June Meeting Minutes – [NLS 2024-06-04 Meeting Notes.do](#)
 - Carolyn motion
 - Jared second
 - Approved
- Bike Share Planning Group Update (Sheila)
 - [Bike share presentation ST - Parks Comm 7-18-24.pdf](#)
 - Bike Share will be for Pedal (only) Bikes
 - Three Sub-Groups
 - Station Siting (Sheila)
 - Approx 30 bikes, 5-6 stations
 - Station Location Selection by Committee
 - 1) MBTA Station on Rail Trail (Parks Commission Approved)
 - 2) Multi-Use Trail Near Custom House (Waterfront Trust)
 - 3) Rail Trail at Washington St (Parks Commission Approved)
 - 4) Along Sally Snyder Way at Cashman Park (Parks Commission Approved)
 - 5) Waterfront Park Information Center (City Council or Waterfront Trust)
 - Other location suggested by Parks Department
 - Inn Street Park / Green Street Parking Lot
 - Considering eventually expanding to Plum Island Refuge
 - Gov't Relations (Rick)
 - Trying to connect with Mayor to meet to designate a City staff person to work on this project
 - Goal is to get City Council Approvals by October
 - to create a budget line item and transfer funds to this
 - acceptance of grants
 - establish revolving fund
 - Rick has talked to Afroz who has expressed support
 - Other Councilors pending outreach

- After CC approval, RFP would be released
 - Fundraising (Eric)
 - Goal is to raise approx \$25K annually
 - Estimated approx 10% will be funded by user fees
 - A few grant applications are in the works
 - Also looking for sponsorships locally
 - Chamber of Commerce Youth Council have connected with NLS to assist as well and connect with Charitable Foundation
- Report on Daylight Ride on the Refuge (Sheila)
 - Approx 6 NLS people staffed the NLS booth at the refuge
 - Refuge reported that it was a good event
- Bike rodeo planning (Bonnie)
 - Bonnie has connected with our regional coordinator for MassDOT Safe Routes to School (MassBike will run the rodeo)
 - Discussed with Nock/Molin Principals
 - 4th and 5th graders
 - 2-hours after school
 - coordinate with Youth Services
 - also trying to reach out to Police
 - Riverside Cycles repair
 - Potential to recruit 8th graders to assist
 - Goal to hold 3rd week in September
 - Looking to get some organizers
 - Juliet and Kristen volunteered to assist
 - Maybe eventually extend this to adults (with Riverside Cycle support potentially)
- Report on request to increase speed to 30/35 mph on High, Merrimac, Hale, Graf, Parker (Rick)
 - City Council resoundingly shut this down after public outcry
 - Kristen and Eric submitted neighborhood petitions against this
 - Next steps -- request to lower Low Street speed limit, which would require a vote to request rescinding the special speed limit (35 mph) on Low Street
 - City is currently doing a study at the North Atkinson St intersection to submit for SRTS funding
 - City is considering future potential SRTS project along Youth Recreation Center portion of Low St
- Update on [T-shirt fundraising campaign](#) (Eric)
 - Fundraising going well -- \$650 raised to date
 - People are donating extra at the check out too!
- Other Business
 - Juliet will reach out to Andrew Levine regarding Safe Streets and Roads for All funding (MVPC can also assist with data)

- Rick shared MVPC updates
 - Truck exclusion for Turkey Hill Rd
 - Have trail counters to install at 6 locations in Newburyport
 - Motion to adjourn
 - Bonnie moved
 - Alden seconded
 - Approved
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Next Meetings - August 27, September 24

[2024 Work Plan](#) (includes links to Project Summaries)