

Meeting Minutes July 22, 2025 – 7:00 pm Senior Community Center – 2nd Floor

- Attendance: Alden, Rick, Elizabeth (MVPC), Ben, Chris, Judy S, Carolyn, Eric, Sheila, Judy T, Bonnie, Liz, Juliet
- Approval of April Meeting Minutes NLS 2025-04-30 Meeting Minutes.docx.pdf
 - Sheila, Alden, approved
- Treasurer's Report NLS 7-22-25 Treasurers Report .pdf
 - Alden presented
- Project Updates
 - Crosswalks
 - Alden reported that survey is complete and data compiled, the spreadsheet has been shared on the <u>NLS Google Drive</u>
 - Spreadsheet highlights crosswalks missing from inventory, crosswalks that are on the City's list but are not visible today, and locations that are recommended for crosswalks
 - Next steps:
 - Summarize key points in a report and share with City
 - NLS Crosswalk Working Group will meet to discuss
 - Once reviewed by City, review with TSAC (Traffic Safety Advisory Committee) and post to website
 - Cross-reference with City's street paving plan

Walk Audits

- Storey Ave (5/14)
 - Elizabeth (MVPC) shared a draft report which includes crash statistics and a summary of comments from participants in a report, final step will be to add suggested counter measures (improvements to address safety concerns)
 - Chris mentioned that police have a regular presence at this location and it would be interesting to know how many violations have been issued
- Merrimac/Kent (6/3)
 - Rick reported out about this location, summary report is in process, approx 17 people participated

Bike Bus

- Eric reported out about popularity of bike bus
- Eric shared that we were awarded \$400 from Walmart for a bike rack (for 20 bikes) to be installed at the Bres (in part as a result of the bike bus)
- Eric has also reached out to NEF and a request has been submitted by school for additional racks at Bres
- Consider adding additional racks at Nock/Molin
- Bike bus group will be meeting with police to discuss routing for fall
- Would like to expand to Nock/Molin students (potentially along Hale)
- Bike bus will start again first week of school
- Consider giving out stickers!

Bike Share

- Sheila shared that a Chamber sponsorship letter has been shared with local businesses -- she will also email to the NLS group
- Liz suggested adding sponsorship # to web page and thank you to our sponsors

Adult Cycling Skills Clinic

Bonnie provided an update on this event, which is shared in the <u>NLS Google</u>
 Drive

- Two sessions -- September 28 and October 5, October 19 (rain date)
- Discussed providing one free item (leg straps), and selling lights and/or bells as a "Safety Package" when registering

Bike Audits

- Rick reported out on upcoming Bike Audits that are being funded through AARP grant funds for supplies, as well as technical assistance from AARP and League of American Bicyclists
 - Low St in September
 - High St in October

MVPC Updates

- Elizabeth shared updates from MVPC
 - Staffing changes -- hired a new data analyst, working to hire a new planner,
 MEVA Ferry Boat planning (for Merrimack River)

Other Business

- Kmart redevelopment traffic impacts, August 12th is meeting with Zoning Board to discuss traffic, discussed preparing a comment letter from NLS
 - Juliet will take the lead on this
- Know Your Community July 31, 10am-2pm volunteers needed (contact Rick)
- Metro Mobility project update -- grant for e-bikes for income-qualified people in Newburyport (likely near train station)
- MassBike e-bike initiative (blog post)
- Motion to adjourn -- Juliet, Liz, approved

Next Meetings – August 26 / September 23 / October 28 2025 Work Plan – NLS 2025 Work Plan.docx