

**City of Norwalk  
Bike/Walk Commission  
Meeting Agenda  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm  
Health Department, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Waiting Room  
137 East Avenue, Norwalk CT 06851**

1. 6:00 Public Input
2. 6:10 Approval of February 5<sup>th</sup> minutes (See attached)
3. 6:15 Committee Reports
  - a. Bike Plan – Colin Grotheer
  - b. Bike Share – Nancy Rosett
  - c. Pedestrian Plan – Deborah Lewis
  - d. Pump Track – Gunnar Waldman, Monika Stokes (See attached)
  - e. Safety/Outreach – Jud Aley
  - f. Strategic Plan – Nancy Rosett
  - g. Website – Peter Franz
4. 6:45 Old Business
  - a. Walking Update – Kaitlin Latham
  - b. DPW Update – Bruce Chimento (See attached)
  - c. Crosswalk on Wall St. at Knight – Bruce Chimento
  - d. Bike Trough Repair – Bruce Chimento
5. 7:00 New Business
  - a. Sacred Heart University's Goat Trails Project– Wendy Bjerke
  - b. Intersection of Glover Avenue and Grist Mill Road – Bruce Chimento
6. 7:30 Adjournment

Next meeting: April 2, 2018

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Health Department Waiting Room (1st Fl.)

**Attachment 2:**

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BIKE/WALK COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE:** Nancy Rosett, Chair; Peter Franz, Colin Grotheer, Kevin Kane, Peter Libre; Judson Aley

**OTHERS:** Paul Sotnik, Civil Engineer Public Works Department; Steve Kleppin, Planning and Zoning Director; Kaitlin Latham, Health Department; Deanna D'Amore, Director of Public Health; Tim Sheehan, Executive Director Redevelopment Agency; Gunner Waldman and Monika Stokes

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Rosett called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no one from the public present at this time.

**2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8TH MINUTES**

Page 1 Change "Kaitlyn" to "Kaitlin"

**\*\* MR. ALEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 8, 2018 MINUTES AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY PETER FRANZ.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. Walking Update**

**\*\* MS. ROSETT MOVED TO TAKE THE WALKING UPDATE NEXT ON THE AGENDA.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Latham stated that Silvermine had their monthly walk this past weekend. The next walk is scheduled for Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. They usually walk two or three miles and then meet for breakfast.

Ms. Latham stated that she met with several parties that want to help with the NorWALKer program and expand it.

Ms. Latham stated that we have started a pedestrian plan draft. We are working to refine the plan and identify goals we would like to achieve.

Ms. Latham stated that she was contacted by the Watch for Me CT campaign to participate in a meeting at DOT headquarters. Ways to help provide information for a media campaign will be discussed at the meeting.

Ms. Latham stated that she will be one of the keynote speaker at the Annual Connecticut Bike/Walk Summit. She will be speaking about the NorWALKer program.

Ms. Latham introduced Ms. D'Amore as the new Director of Public Health.

**a. Bike Plan**

Mr. Grotheer stated that he met with Mike Heslin and Mike Mushak last week to finalize the priorities for 2017-18 and look at fiscal year 2018-19. Mr. Grotheer will punch in the budget numbers for the next fiscal year. They looked at western and northern directions for starters. Mr. Grotheer will have answers on the next budget allocations the next time the Commission meets.

**b. Bike Share**

Ms. Rosett stated that the team interviewed the top three vendors and have narrowed it down to two. They will meet with the Mayor and Laoise King on Thursday. They want to have someone from the City designated to head the program for the City. Most of the vendors have a three month start up so we can get things started by the time most people consider bicycling weather.

**c. DPW Liaison**

Ms. Rosett stated that now that we have a Bicycle Plan Subcommittee, we no longer need to meet monthly with DPW as we did when we were a task force. She stated that the Bike Plan subcommittee will continue to meet with DPW as needed and give reports at this meeting. Ms. Rosett stated that if we need to meet with the DPW we can have a Special Meeting and publish an agenda.

Ms. Rosett stated that she would add a recurring DPW update to upcoming agendas.

**d. NCC**

Mr. Sotnik stated that the NCC pedestrian signs have been installed. Ms. Rosett stated that parking spaces have been done. Additional crosswalks could not be put in due to inadequate sight lines. So we can disband this committee.

**e. Pedestrian Plan**

Mr. Libre stated that we should look at a plan to make MLK Drive two lanes. A pedestrian was killed while crossing MLK Drive within the last six months. Reducing the number of lanes may prevent pedestrian deaths in the future.

Mr. Libre stated that the intersection of East Avenue with Westport Avenue is being made into a wider radius so that cars could travel faster by the State. Faster turns are more likely to kill pedestrians. The project has reduced pedestrian safety. It has not been money well spent.

**f. Safety/Outreach**

Mr. Aley stated that we would like to publicize our win on Maple Street project. We got the lanes narrowed on Maple Street, and crosswalks on streets perpendicular to Maple Street. Mr. Kane reviewed information that could be given to reporters in regards to the project.

**g. Strategic Plan**

No report was given.

**h. Website**

Mr. Franz stated that he did not have a website update. Since he's been working in New York City he has been using the NYC Citi Bike service. It has been a massive success.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **b. Washington and Water**

Ms. Rosett stated that the item was inadvertently added to the agenda.

##### **c. Crosswalk on Wall St. at Knight**

Mr. Sotnik stated that the crosswalk will be added to the DPW list items that need to be completed. The item may need to go through the Traffic Authority.

##### **d. Bike Trough Repair**

Mr. Aley stated that the rails are hanging over the trough. People are currently not able to walk their bikes up the stairs. Many people are carrying their bikes up the stairs. The Redevelopment Agency and DPW will work together to implement the solution that has been approved by the original vendor.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **a. Bike Walk Commission Review Wall West Redevelopment Plan Restatement**

Mr. Sheehan stated that the vision of the plan is to add to community character, economic development, and connectivity. He stated that there are opportunity sites within the neighborhood that could be used for redevelopment with capital investments. He stated that the public can comment on the plan on the City website.

Mr. Sheehan stated that priorities of the design guidelines include sidewalks, bike lanes, green infrastructure, street furniture, lighting, signage, public space, and gateway treatments.

Mr. Sheehan stated that opportunity sites include the former YMCA site, the library block, the transit hub and the commercial plaza at Hoyt, Cross and Main Street. He stated that anchor institutions within the neighborhood include the Norwalk Hospital, Stepping Stones Museum, and the Library.

##### **b. Pumptrack**

Mr. Gunnar Waldman came forward in support of the item. He stated that the pumptrack is a circuit of off-road terrain consisting of banked turns. He stated that a pumptrack loops back on itself. He stated that they can be relatively simple to construct and cater to a wide variety of ages and skill levels. He stated that they are popular in town-owned parks and schools. He stated that the tracks can be constructed of dirt, asphalt or concrete, or modular. He gave an overview of pricing for each option.

Ms. Monika Stokes came forward in support of the item. She stated that there are several parks in the City that could be considered as good locations for a pumptrack. She stated that the amount of available space in each park needs to be taken into consideration as well as proximity to possible users of the pumptrack.

#### **6. ADJOURNMENT**

\*\* MR. KANE MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* MR. GROTHEER SECONDED THE MOTION.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Next meeting: March 5, 2018

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney  
Telesco Secretarial Services



# Bike/Walk Norwalk

February 13, 2018

Gunnar Waldman  
14 Burlington Drive  
Norwalk, CT 06851

Dear Gunnar,

Thanks to you and Monika for your presentation about pump tracks to the Norwalk Bike/Walk Commission last Monday. We're very excited about the prospect of having a pump track in Norwalk and enthusiastically support your efforts.

According to the ordinance that established our commission, our mission is to support "bicycling and walking as safe, accessible, and sustainable forms of transportation and recreation that increase the City of Norwalk's livability and economic vitality, and improve public and environmental health". Having a pump track in Norwalk would be a real feather in the City's recreational cap.

A pump track would provide a safer environment than the public roads for bicyclists. It should encourage more people to ride bikes as well as giving current road bicyclists another outlet for their riding. Pump track riding is a great way to improve bicycling skills in a safe, scenic and friendly environment.

There would also be an economic benefit to the City from a pump track. We feel it will enhance property values and increase the attractiveness of Norwalk as a place to live and visit.

Lastly, a pump track would contribute to public health by providing a safe place to exercise. The attractiveness of such a facility to a wide range of people should encourage more people to become active in the out-of-doors.

The Commission looks forward to working with you and Monika to make a pump track in Norwalk a reality.

Thanks,

Nancy Rosett, Chair  
Norwalk Bike/Walk Commission

Attachment 4b

PM2018-1 Paving Program Summary		
Detailed Scope of Work is Attached		
Street	Segment	Schedule
ALLVIEW AVENUE	from Golden Hill Street to Summit Avenue	
ARGENTINE WAY	from Silvermine Avenue to Cul-De-Sac Loop	
ARNOLD LANE	from Rowayton Avenue to Cul-De-Sac	
ARNOLD LANE CDS #2 (NO ISLAND)	from Arnold Lane to Cul-De-Sac	
ARNOLD LANE CDS LOOP (WITH ISLAND)	from Arnold Lane to Cul-De-Sac Loop	
BURCHARD LANE	from Witch Lane to Memory Lane	
BURCHARD LANE	from Memory Lane to Cul-De-Sac	
CAMELOT DRIVE	from Maher Drive to Cul-De-Sac	
CORNWALL DRIVE	from Ponus Avenue to Cul-De-Sac Loop	
CORNWALL ROAD	from Ponus Avenue to Route 123	
COUCH STREET	from Flax Hill Road to Bayview Avenue	
COUCH STREET	from Bayview to Taylor Avenue	
DAVIS STREET	from Cul-De-Sac to Muller Avenue	
DEVONSHIRE ROAD	from Fox Run Road to Ponus Avenue	
DOCK ROAD	#20 Dock Rd. to Outer Rd.	
DOCK ROAD	from Splitrock Rd to Cul-De-Sac Loop, excluding DEEP permit limits	
DONNA DRIVE	from Scribner Avenue to Apartment Driveway	
EAST AVENUE	from RT 1 to Wall Street ( <b>Concrete Walks and Curbs ONLY</b> )	Complete by July 1, 2018
EAST MEADOW LANE	from East Rocks Road to Dead End	
FELIX LANE	from Route 123 to Cul-De-Sac	
GREENFIELD ROAD	from Roxbury Road to Norden Place	
GUILD DRIVE	from City Limits to Cul-De-Sac Loop	
HUNTERS LANE	from Ponus Avenue to Fillow Street	
KELLEE COURT	from Kellee Drive to Cul-De-Sac Loop	
KELLEE DRIVE	from Donna Drive to Kellee Court to Cul-De-Sac	
LAKEVIEW DRIVE #1	from Broad Street to Silvermine Avenue	
LAKEVIEW DRIVE EAST	from Lakeview Drive to Dead End	
LANCASTER DRIVE	from Hunters Lane to Ponus Avenue	
LYCETT COURT	from Ponus Avenue to Cul-De-Sac Loop	
MAHER DRIVE	from Ponus Avenue to Steppingstone Place	
MAIL COACH DRIVE	from Kings Highway to City Limits	
MALLARD ROAD	from Broad Street to Cul-De-Sac	
MEMORY LANE	from Highland Avenue to Burchard Lane	
MULLER AVENUE	from Slocum Street to Davis Street	
NUTMEG PLACE	from Lakeview Drive to Cul-De-Sac	
PLATTSVILLE AVENUE	from Broad Street to Cul-De-Sac	
PONUS AVENUE	from Fox Run Road to Nursery Street	
PONUS AVENUE EXT.	from Nursery Street to Dead End	
PURDY ROAD	from Route 123 to Cul-De-Sac	
RED BARN LANE	from Silvermine Avenue to Cul-De-Sac loop	
SAWMILL ROAD	from Newtown Avenue to Cannon Street	
SILVER RIVER COURT	from Silvermine Avenue to Cul-De-Sac Loop	
SILVEREDGE ROAD	from Silvermine Avenue to Cul-De-Sac Loop	
ST. PAULS PLACE	from East Avenue to Park Street ( <b>Concrete Walks and Curbs ONLY</b> )	Complete by July 1, 2018
STEPPINGSTONE PLACE	from Maher Drive to Cul-De-Sac	
STEPPINGSTONE ROAD	from Fillow Street to Maher Drive	
SUMMITT AVENUE	from Couch Street to Cedar Street	
THORP LANE	from Hunters Lane to Cul-De-Sac Loop	
WEST COUCH STREET	from Taylor Avenue to Avenue B	
WEST COUCH STREET	from Avenue B to Dead End	
WOODLAWN AVENUE	from Flax Hill Road to McAllister Avenue	
WOODWARD AVENUE	from Neptune Avenue to Longshore Avenue	
<b>LUMP SUM LOCATIONS</b>		
DOCK ROAD DEEP PERMIT SCOPE	#20 Dock Rd. to Outer Rd.	
LIBERTY SQUARE PARKING LOT	Liberty Square	
<b>POSSIBLE AMENDMENT STREETS</b>		
BARNUM AVENUE	from Hawthorne Drive to Lovatt Street	
EAST AVENUE	from U.S Route 1 to Wall Street (paving limit short of the intersection at E Wall Street)	
EAST MEADOW LANE	from East Rocks Road to Dead End	
GLEDENNING STREET	from East Rocks Road to France Street	
HAWTHORNE DRIVE	from Lovatt Street to Vollmer Avenue	
LOVATT STREET	from Wolfpit Avenue to Hawthorne Drive	
OLD LANTERN PLACE	from East Rocks Road to Glendenning Street	
SAWMILL ROAD	from Newtown Avenue to Cannon Street	
VOLLMER AVENUE	from US Route 1 to Lovatt Street	
WILDMERE LANE	from Lovatt Street to Hawthorne Drive	