

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BIKE/WALK COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY, 1, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Nancy Rosett, Chair; Deborah Lewis; Colin Grotheer; Barbara McCabe;  
Jud Aley; Christine Bisceglie; Gary Washinsky

OTHERS: Kathryn Hebert, Director, Transportation, Mobility and Parking; Greg  
Pacelli, Transportation Planner; Audrey Cozzarin; Robert Giolitto, Norwalk  
Green Association

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Rosett called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Cozzarin stated that they are forming a peer group to look at traffic safety issues as well as pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

Mr. Giolitto stated they had started requesting crosswalks over two and half years ago around the Green and in the Wall Street area. There was a meeting held last November various city officials attended with representatives of the Wall Street Association and the Norwalk Green Association. They were told that two crosswalks had been approved, and since then one of the crosswalks was disapproved and they were never notified. He said that he had sent an email on March 29, 2019, outlining the issue and the Mayor had also sent a letter. Last week the Mayor had sent a response back requesting that Mr. Yeosock and Ms. Hebert provide an update which he has not received. Ms. Hebert said she does not have a response at this time. Ms. Rosett said that she will speak with Ms. Hebert and follow up with Mr. Giolitto.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. May 6<sup>th</sup>

**\*\* MR. ALEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**\*\* MR. GROTHEER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

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

### **3. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Ms. Rosett welcomed Greg Pacelli, the Transportation Planner.

Ms. Rosett said that there was a discussion at last month's meeting regarding the crosswalk on Wall Street that was originally scheduled to be installed this spring but do to the fact when DPW went to install the ADA ramps they had discovered there were significant problems. Ms. Hebert said that the repairs will be complete by tomorrow. Ms. Rosett said that there was a meeting held with DPW and TMP staff and the issue is the corridor will be redone next year and the ADA ramps would have to be used elsewhere and would be a significant amount of money to install the crosswalk for just a year. They decided to install parking on both sides of East Wall Street to slow the traffic down until the corridor is redone but it will need to go back to the Traffic Authority for approval for the change to the plan.

Ms. Rosett said that the Bike Walk Commission will be participating again National Night Out on August 6, 2019, from 5:00PM to 8:00PM at the Police Department and urged the members of the commission to attend if possible.

Ms. Rosett said that the Nice Festival will be held this Saturday and asked if anyone on the commission would be able to attend if the commission had a table. There was further discussion and it was decided that the commissioner would contact Ms. Rosett by tomorrow with their availability.

Ms. Rosett said that a replacement on the commission for Mr. Scicchaano is still needed

### **4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **a. Bike Plan**

Mr. Grotheer said that he had met with subcommittee last week to discuss the priorities going forward and that he will be reviewing the list.

#### **b. Events**

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There was no discussion.

**c. Bike Share**

Ms. Rosett said that the vendor has laid out the first bike stations and per the contract in addition to the bike racks for the bike share bikes they also will have an advertising kiosk. Some locations were not large enough to install the bike rack and the kiosk so they will need to find other locations in the city for the kiosks. Ms. Hebert said that the DPW engineer will be looking into any permits that will be needed. Ms. Cozzarin asked if there will be any public relations done. Ms. Hebert said “yes” once the plan is in place.

**d. Norwalk River Valley Trail (NRVT)**

Ms. Rosett said the Missing Link will be bid this summer and they hope to begin the installation in the fall and have it completed by spring.

**e. Outreach**

Mr. Aley said he would put some material together for Mr. Pacelli.

**f. Pedestrian Plan**

Ms. Lewis reported and said that she is at the end of her term as Chair and she is actively looking for her replacement. She said that Ms. Cozzarin has agreed to join the Pedestrian Committee and she will be wonderful addition.

Ms. Lewis said that she will provide an overview of where the committee is on the goals and at next month’s meeting. She said that Ms. Mc Cabe and the rest of the members of the committee have photographed the crosswalks, sidewalks and signage at each of the public schools. They have created a link for that and will be creating a simple assessment for the schools.

Ms. Lewis said that Mayor Rilling and his wife will again begin leading the Saturday morning walks. She said that she has done approximately 40 walks in Silvermine and will be looking for someone to take over those walks. She thanked Ms. Rosett for being so supportive to the Pedestrian Committee. She also said that the meeting that Ms. Cozzarin

held on Saturday was great and that the police need to be leaders in lawfulness. She does not think the police in Norwalk have been leaders in lawfulness.

**g. Safety and Education**

Ms. Bisceglie said that Ms. Lauracella had a great idea about having the Police Commission and Traffic Authority meet in the evening so that the public has an opportunity to attend.

Ms. Bisceglie reported and said that from now until the end of July she will be teaching bike safety and education at the Norwalk Summer Camps at three locations and she will be distribute safety guides in both English and Spanish.

**h. Strategic Plan**

Ms. Rosett said that Ms. D'Amore will present the Strategic Plan at next month's meeting.

**i. Website**

There was no discussion.

**j. Walking Update**

There was no discussion.

**k. DPW Update**

There was no discussion.

**i. Transportation, Mobility and Parking Update**

There was no discussion.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed this evening.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. McCabe said there was a forum held that concentrated on Complete Streets and Vision Zero. Each city does things differently based on the interest in the community; financial; and in some case aesthetic sensibility. Norwalk will do the same as the City adopts Complete Streets. Ms. Lewis said that every town needs a champion and that there will always be financial limitations and limited resources. Ms. Hebert said that she had also attended and it was an excellent presentation.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MS. MC CABB MOVED TO ADJOURN.**  
**\*\* MS. LEWIS SECONDED THE MOTION.**  
**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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