



## L-A Bicycle Pedestrian Committee Minutes

Lewiston City Hall

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

5:00pm – 6:30pm

Members Present: David Das, Jeremiah Bartlett, Bob Rand, Craig Saddlemire, Nicole Rush

Staff: Gary Johnson, Ed Barrett

Guests: Darcy Whittemore

5:00pm – Intro, Updates

Jeremiah Bartlett – trying to do piano keys for crosswalks in Portland

Gary – Brought list of proposed projects, including Davis Ave. Davis was being shrunk due to one person's request. Davis is a good place for bikes. We should continue to allow parking. Craig asked the committee if they want to discuss more about Davis at another time. It is 38' currently with on-street parking. Long-term plan shows Davis as bike-boulevard. Jeremiah said what Gary described sounds fine.

Bob – Bike to work day is coming up May 15, it will involve Dufresne Plaza. Bruce Hall is organizing bike to school day on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Bob also met the state committee for the East Coast Greenway. They met Patrick Adams. MDOT plans to put up signage for East Coast Greenway. Bob also said that BCM wants him to table at health and wellness fair on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Bates students are really interested in biking in Lewiston, but no one is helping them learn where and how to bike. David Das will look into what clubs might be good to connect with. Bikeapalooza will be June 13<sup>th</sup> (Dempsey Challenge).

5:20pm – Safe Routes to Schools (Darcy)

Darcy gave updates from her SRTS work over the past year. She provided a handout that provided a chronological timeline. We looked at Montello and Farwell and discussed what could make walking more safe for students. Farwell has a lot of great potential for walking. Nicole suggested there is an active PTA there. A walking school bus would be really good for the school. It would be good to connect with someone inside. Kristen Cloutier lives in this neighborhood. Let's connect Kristen with Darcy. We will follow up on the mysterious red-dotted trail between Marguerette and Warren ave. There are a lot of walkers behind Park Ave in Auburn. Should be a good place for walking to school. Jeremiah will talk to principle of that school. Darcy said there is a stipend of \$5,000/year to pay for a walking school bus for the next two years for two

positions. Vests and backpacks included. Darcy wrote a letter of support in favor of a Lewiston's new school being located downtown.

5:55pm – Park Ave

This is a really expensive project. The project will have a sidewalk on the Methodist Church side. The city has take some land to fit in part of the project. The 13 degree hill will be leveled down to a grade of 10 degrees. At the meeting, MDOT's consultant was calling the shoulder “bike lanes.” Gary will request a formal response from MDOT about the marking of the bike lanes on Park Ave. We would also like to see a merged bike lane that positions bicyclists for left hand turn lanes at the intersection of Park Ave and Mt Auburn Ave.

6:20pm – Updates

MDOT Long Range Meeting – collecting public input. Lots of strong support for bike-ped issues.

Lisbon St – It will be very hard to implement the complete streets policy if we have a battle over each street. Jeremiah said it's good that it's a high-profile project and it's too bad to not implement the best recommendation.

Next Build Maine Conference is in May.

Motion to adjourn made by Jeremiah Bartlett, seconded by David Das. Motion passed (5-0).

Future Agenda Items: Lewiston's New Elementary School, Feedback on Improving Striping for each City, such as Pine Street and Ash St., Build Maine.