

BikeCNY Meeting Minutes, March 17, 2015, 7:00pm
MELLO VELO CAFE

Type of Meeting: Monthly
Facilitator: Steve Reiter
Time Keeper: John Sexton
Note Taker: Kathy Downing

Attendees: Steve Reiter, John Sexton, Kathy Downing, Bob Dougherty, Dave Kashmer, Brad Deitz, Melissa Fierke, Peter King, Mary Shick, Don Hughes

Portable Bike Racks

Presenter: John

Discussion: TNT Downtown approved \$1600 for 4 racks that hold 14 bikes each. Before events, we want to follow up with the city to make sure the racks are delivered for use.

Action Item: Follow up before events.
Person Responsible: Bob will be point person with the city.

Lake Front TNT Escrow Project Bike Rack

Presenter: John

Discussion: A wave rack for Solar & Hiawatha or nearby spot on the Creekwalk would cost \$600. It was noted that there are bike racks at Destiny, but they are difficult to find. Discussed the possibility of having a rack or racks made by a local person, such as the person who made racks located on Westcott St.

Action Item: Check with Paul M., as it is possible that something is already in the works.
Person Responsible: John

University Cycle Track

Presenter: Steve

Discussion: Reopening of the fenced-off portion is still unresolved.

Action Item: None
Person Responsible:

WRVO Interview

Presenter: Steve

Discussion: Interview with WRVO's Ellen Abbott focused on the state of bicycle infrastructure. It hasn't been aired yet.

Action Item: None
Person Responsible:

Southwest Community Center Annual Woman's Fair

Presenter: Mary

Discussion: Informing participants about biking for women and families will be included.

Action Items: Distribution of information and sign-up collection.
Person Responsible: Peter

FOCUS Forum on Parks

Presenter: Peter

Discussion: The forum topic is “Shaping the Future of Syracuse Parks: New Directions in Community Parks Planning.” It will be held Friday, March 20, 7:30-8:15am, at City Hall Commons.

Action Item: None

Person Responsible:

Onondaga Creek Walk Phase 2

Presenter: Peter

Discussion: The city has held 3 meetings to present to the community and to invite the community's input. They will hold 3 meetings in the summer, and 3 more meetings in the fall. There appears to be community support. A walking tour or a bus tour has been proposed to be part of Round 2 meetings. To view the route options and to submit comments, go to <http://www.syr.gov.net/cw2/>

Action Items: Submit comments; consider what option we—BikeCNY—might support.

Persons Responsible: All

Bike Safety Press Release

Presenter: Kathy

Discussion: Draft was reviewed. Format should be as a Letter to the Editor. Submit for publication within the next week or two. A list of publications to submit it to was generated.

Action Items: Post it on BikeCNY email listserve for comments; send to publications.

Person Responsible: Kathy

Action Item: Find out who and where to send letter to.

Person Responsible: John

Euclid Avenue Press Release

Presenter: Melissa

Discussion: The City of Syracuse's Euclid Avenue Parking Study was obtained through FOIL by SEUNA. Its conclusions—stating a need for bicycle infrastructure and recommending that parking on Euclid Ave., from Westcott St. to Comstock, be removed—mirror those of the earlier University/Westcott Housing and Development Plan. SEUNA, Euclid Bike, and ESF Press Releases: how/when to release them. Possibly hold a press conference on Thursday, April 2, at 10:30am. Seek support of other bike advocacy groups, such as 40Below TTF and B.i.k.e.-Syracuse.

Action Item: Possible Press Conference

Persons Responsible: Melissa, Don, Peter, Steve

Action Item: Seek support of 40Below TTF.

Person Responsible: Melissa

Action Item: Seek support of B.i.k.e.-Syracuse.

Person Responsible: Mary

MovingDeWitt

Presenter: Steve

Discussion: Recap of input they are seeking, such as use and desired use of streets for biking and walking. We would like to find out what we can do to work with them.

Action Item: Invite Sam Gordon or Chris Manchester to our next meeting.

Person Responsible: Steve

How Best to Include Other Local Bike Groups—TTF, BikeEuclid—With BikeCNY Advocacy Efforts

Presenters: All

Discussion: Our efforts to prepare for the Press Conference will start this process. We could compare mission statements. We heard about there being some sort of Flash Ride on Euclid Avenue in the next week or so. If we were going to participate as a group, one possible message: “Begin change throughout Syracuse here and now on Euclid Ave.” Discussion of how best to originate and publicize it was inconclusive. Decided we would help spread the word for the event once it gets announced “officially.” We would then see if we want to follow up with the Press Conference or just issue Press Releases.

Action Item: Post when/if ride materializes.

Person Responsible: All

Announcements

Presenter: Mary

OCC/Tri Club Spring Fling at the Winter Training Facility in Shoppingtown Mall;
Sunday, March 29, 9am-4pm.

Presenter: Bob

Bike for Brady bike ride with the Southwest Community; Sunday, June 7; supporting the Brady Faith Center www.bradyfaithcenter.org

Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, 4/21/2015 Time: **6:30pm** Location: Mello Velo Cafe

Possible Agenda Items:

MovingDeWitt

Paid Website & Domain Name (allowing @bikecny.org emails)

Cycle in the City: How to present BikeCNY and Recruit new members; provide Ride Leaders

We need a Facilitator, a Note Taker, and a Timer for the next meeting.