

BikeCNY meeting 5/19/15

Mello Velo Cafe 6:30pm

Attending: Don, John, Kathy, Melissa, Peter

Overview of the TNT meeting – read Kathy’s summary... and gave updates.

Don – Update from Paul on Comstock/Colvin. They were putting on bike infrastructure from there to Skytop.

Don – talked to Paul about Barry Park - configuration of the traffic movement isn’t preferred, but traffic designers want to keep the conflict in the intersection.

Euclid Ave. bike infrastructure (discussing what we need/can to do to move it forward)

Nothing has happened since the press releases. Kathy did a summary and will share more widely. She is suggesting a permit system. It’s ridiculous that the city is subsidizing parking for university commuters/faculty/staff. We need to emphasize that we need to make cyclists safe.

The groups who supported the press releases need to demand a meeting with the mayor/commissioner/Paul.

Vision Zero to protect cyclists/pedestrians - implemented in NYC, started in Sweden.

The most successful way to implement is not police enforcement, but to design and provide infrastructure that’s safe.

The mayor is aghast there are 9 democrats on the Common Council and none are supporting cycling.

Do we want to present at the next TNT meeting? Yes. Melissa will get Don the info.

University Cycle Track (discussing what we need/can to do to move it forward)

Nothing new... maybe a letter to the Chancellor?

Cycle in the City debriefing - John

33 on the 20 mi ride and 20 on the 11 mi ride. Had a leader, a responsible guy in the middle and a sweeper. May need to break into a faster group and a slower group.

Problem with the 11 mi ride with flat tires – the sweeper needs to take care of flat tires. BPIG is ending, but they’ll have one more meeting – and the program will be BikeCNY presenting. This gives us an opportunity to present.

Moving People update – Peter

Eric Ennis talked about trains. Owen Kearney gave an overview that they want to modify city zoning to densify and make transportation more compact. Peter told him about ventilation corridors in Stuttgart to reduce air pollution and heat island effects. Transit corridors and bike paths offer this. City has a plan of putting in a network of bicycle/pedestrian trails, starting with the Creekwalk. Andy Maxwell and others are some of the planners on this. They have a consultant on the Creekwalk – that project is federally funded.

Bike Month and Bike Week events for 2016

Talk about next meeting.

Developing and offering a bike commuting 101 course for April 2016 (Steve has contacted NYBC)

How best to work with other local bike advocacy groups, including 40 Below Transit
Invite Eric Ennis to come talk to us.

Brady Faith Center Ride – Sunday June 7 – they had a lot more than they thought they would last year.

John will put in a pitch at the next Cycle in the City Ride to come to BikeCNY meetings and get involved in bike advocacy.

John's surgery happened? Yes... he'll be out for a while.

Next Meeting: June 16 2015, 6:30pm