

**The CITY OF WINTER PARK
PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting
Chapman Room, City Hall**

**January 8, 2013
10:00 am**

Present: Whit Blanton, Jean Siegfried, Tom Hiles, Gordon Blitch, Beth Hemphill Deborah Ryan, Scott Redmon and David Erne

Absent: Elisabeth Holler

City of Winter Park Staff: Sergeant Bruce Robinson, Police Dept.; Lindsey Hayes, Planning Dept.; and Debra Moore, Recording Secretary, Public Works Dept.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- **Goals for 2013**
- **Bicycle Pedestrian Wayfinding – apply for grant with Metroplan**
- **Park-to-Park offered during Spring break in March**
- **Bike Valet to be set up for the Spring Art Festival, March 15-17**

CALL TO ORDER. Chm. Blanton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

Chm. Blanton asked for approval of the minutes from December 11, 2012. Mr. Blitch made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Siegfried seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

Re-Think. Stephen Alianiello, re-Think, announced that Reginald Mills has joined the team. Re-Think is a commuter assistance program focusing on multi-modal commute. They encourage alternative modes of transportation and are involved in car pool and bike pool rider matching.

II. ACTION ITEMS

Goals for 2013

1. **Pedestrian Bike Plan Re-write.** Chm. Blanton would like an opportunity to revisit the Pedestrian Bike plan. We have a good plan in place with a lot of projects including sidewalk gaps, connections, etc. Now, we may want to consider a well-defined city network with low cost strategies. Some City roads have certain criteria that would fit right in. It could include raising the visibility of the streets for biking and adequate capacity for cars.

Chm. Blanton suggested some principles we can look as we plan out a well-defined city network.

- Flow and continuity. We have roads with good continuity and flow such as Morse Boulevard, Palmer Avenue, Denning Drive, Webster Avenue and Lakemont Avenue. Chm. Blanton asked Board members to come up with other roads that have good continuity and flow. Recently, he spent time riding through Winter Park and he developed a map showing possibilities for creating a well-defined network. It will be presented at the next meeting.
- Additional signage and shared lane signage. Palmer might be an improved model for shared lanes if the signage was closer (every 250 feet instead of every 500 feet). Also, we might add new signage “bicycles use full lane.”
- Excess capacity for cars (adequate capacity for cars). During the day, a number of our roads do not have a lot of traffic such as Morse Boulevard and Webster Avenue. We might work toward looking at applying shared lane markings and “bicycles use full lane” signage to some of the City’s roads. The signage will help drivers acknowledge bicycles and in time drivers will adjust to and accept bikes on the roads. Also, shared lane markings help cyclists know where to ride. We could have a great network if we put markings on the streets.

Sergeant Bruce Robinson mentioned that safety is the primary concern for law enforcement.

Mr. Redmon believes people will learn to accept sharing the road with bicycles. Wayfinding signs will help.

2. **City Commission Updated Yearly.** Members agreed the Pedestrian Bike Board should be represented at a City Commission meeting at least once a year to highlight new activities and accomplishments and touch on the Pedestrian/Bicycle Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Hayes stated a good time would be in the spring.
3. **Applications for Pedestrian Friendly Community and Bicycle Friendly Community.** In recent years, we have been addressing the comments made for improvement in our first application. Should we apply again?
4. **Partnering with counterparts.** A suggestion was made that a formal invitation be sent from City staff inviting counterparts from the Orlando area to meet and talk about pedestrian/bike issues including connectivity and options. Ms. Hayes stated it would be good to touch base to discuss and coordinate plans and the timing of the projects. She will talk with Mr. Margraf about a meeting. It could be held at a monthly Pedestrian/Bike meeting or after a Metroplan Tech meeting.

MOTION - Mr. Hiles made a motion that a coordination meeting be arranged between the four connecting cities (Eatonville, Maitland, Winter Park and Orlando). Mr. Blich seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

Other suggestions:

1. *Partnership.* Ms. Siegfried would like to partner with adjoining cities and groups.
2. *Signage.* Mr. Redmon met with the City of Maitland and they have a wayfinding program that is impressive. He suggested Maitland, Eatonville, and Winter Park get together to discuss having the same signage.
3. *Mountain Bikes.* Mr. Redmon would like mountain bike trails in the City.

Bicycle Wayfinding Greenways and Trails grant due in April. More information required.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Wayfinding grant. Ms. Hayes stated Metroplan is ready to accept grant applications in April under the Bicycle and Pedestrian Enhancement Grant program. They no longer require matching funds. The Board members agreed to move forward with the application for the pedestrian/bicycle wayfinding program.

Ms. Hayes stated anything that would change in the street would have to be built into the City budget. Additional signage and sharrows to create a road network could be built into future capital budget.

Bike Month. The Board members agreed to sponsor Park-to-Park in March, 2013 during Spring break. The route will be determined at the next Board meeting.

Events for Bike Valet 2013 – The bike valet for the Spring Art Festival was discussed. The Pedestrian/Bike Board will host the valet at the Spring Art Festival held March 15 – 17, 2013. Discussion included:

- **Publicity.** Advertise in various media to include bike shops. Ms. Lindsey stated the City website has a parking link under “event.” Maybe we can add a bit about the valet parking, and possibly a map.
- **Volunteers.** Ask Glenridge and Winter Park High Schools—students need service hours. Mr. Maslow stated the Volunteer of Coordinator of Keep Winter Park Beautiful, Brendan O’Connor, will help out.
- Mr. Blich will talk with Spring Art Festival coordinators about the valet location and promotion.

Other valet events will be brought forth at future meetings.

Alternate Board Member. Dave Erne was welcomed as our new alternate Board member.

ADJOURNMENT

Chm. Blanton adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Next meeting is February 12, 2013, 10 a.m., Chapman Rm.

Respectfully submitted,

The minutes for January 8, 2013 were approved on February 12, 2013.