

Bicycle Committee Minutes for 7/11/2012

Members Present: Candace Nagle, Mike Peregon, Roger Chauvette, Jeff Epstein, Bill Meadows.

Guests: Dan Alexander – National Park Service, Bike Shuttle,
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No public statements.

Bicycle Rack Grant Update: Mike Peregon will try to get more funding from VSB for another rack on town property, such as Town Hall or the Bus Stop at McMillan Wharf.

Roger asked about the bike racks at the library and Candace told him the current history. The library trustees are not indicating that they are willing to change the racks. The police might be able to weigh in regarding public safety on the partially blocked sidewalk and the Disabilities Commission might be able to make a case for disabled people with walkers or wheel chairs who are obstructed. Roger also pointed out that some bicycle riders are partially disabled and could use bike racks that are more easily available, such as a location near the side door on Center Street.

Candace recognized our guests:

Michael Cairl: consultant with CCNS to look at safety issues of bike paths, helmets, signage, traffic, and usage. He mentioned that helmet usage is low. The subject of the legality of earbuds came up. He would like to see more people using gloves as that would minimize injuries to hands.

The Seashore is sponsoring a Bicycle Safety Day at the Provincelands Visitors Center. 9:30 am until 1:00 pm. Free helmets will be given out. Free bicycle safety checks from Ptown Bikes mechanic. Other activities.

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Dan is promoting the Bike Shuttle which runs weekends 8:00 am to 5:30 pm. Bill related the incident where a rental bike bounced off of the shuttle on Day 2 and no one noticed until the shuttle stopped at the next stop. Concern was raised about whether there is any supervision or help from the driver when bikes are put on and taken off. Question of liability for the CCRT for hauling an unstable load???

Back to regular business:

Brochures: Still being distributed at a fast rate. Bill indicated that Ptown Bikes had used over half of their first box and that people seemed to really like them.

Summer Bike Tour: Roger has put his bike tour on hold as he has been really busy.

Gift Fund: Received its first \$104 collected from \$1 donations made at Ptown Bikes by patrons.

David Gardner: still waiting on sharrows; Justin is working with state on the 600 ft of Moors Road between Bradford St Ext and the Provincelands sign.

Candace: We have received a free advertisement in Provincetown Magazine for the Bike Rack Grant program. Trying to get a story or mention in the Banner.

Roger: Is bike theft on the increase? Seems to be hearing it for people's personal bikes. Bill said that rental bike theft is at an average rate. Roger also asked about safe passage from Harry Kemp Street, left onto Conwell toward Bradford. No room for bikes, pedestrians, and cars at the same time due to hedge at Dexter's Inn. David Gardner mentioned that hedge trimming is a touchy and on going issue for street safety.

Jeff: Another mention of the bike path just west of Gale Force Bikes where the condo development has encroached upon where the bike path should be. Part of the path was actually removed years ago and planted, Now the plantings are encroaching even more. What can be done?

West End parking on the hill across from the Masthead narrows the roadway to a point where it is dangerous for bikers and pedestrians. Can the area be made a no parking zone? All those decisions are made at a parking administration meeting during the winter, so probably nothing can be done until then.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm

Respectfully submitted, Bill Meadows