

**STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
CITY OF REHOBOTH BEACH**

June 8, 2012

The Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting of the City of Rehoboth Beach was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Pat Coluzzi on Friday, June 8, 2012 in the Commissioners Room in City Hall, 229 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Pat Coluzzi, Kathy Osterholm, Jim Ellison, Cindy Lovett, Lorraine Zellers, John Gauger, Dennis Diehl, Bill Sargent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lorraine Zellers made a motion, seconded by Jim Ellison, to approve the Agenda with the deletion of the May 4, 2012 and May 25, 2012 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May 4, 2012 and May 25, 2012 Streets and Transportation Committee Meetings were distributed prior to the meeting. Minutes of the June 1, 2012 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting were not available for approval at this meeting.

Lorraine Zellers made a motion, seconded by Kathy Osterholm, to approve the May 4, 2012 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Ellison made a motion, seconded by Lorraine Zellers, to approve the May 25, 2012 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

Discuss Bicycle Map.

Some Commissioners had received a phone call from a constituent that a few people who live along Henlopen Avenue are not happy about the idea of Henlopen Avenue being a bike-friendly street. It was suggested that there should be communications sent out before rumors start regarding one-way traffic, bike races, etc. There are a lot of things in the Bicycle Plan that are recommendations for areas in the future, not all of them will get implemented and it will always be at the direction of the Commissioners with their input and input from the public.

Pat Coluzzi and Jim Ellison met with Greg Ferrese at Grove Park to discuss and approve a solution for bicyclists to go directly through Grove Park to Henlopen Avenue. Two of the pylons will be removed so bicycles can get through. Greg suggested that the Committee use an environmentally friendly mat on the order of a mobi mat extending from the pavement to Henlopen Avenue. It will be a clear route for bicyclists to come through. Jim has volunteered to design the path. The path of the Farmers' Market should be the main route that is signed. Then on market day, it would be re-signed to go the other way just for the hours during the Farmers' Market. Discussion ensued.

Three copies of the first bicycle map were distributed among the members for their review. Suggestions were made as follows for changes:

1. In the legend, bicycle lane in orange should be changed to green and bicycle friendly.
2. Bicycle shops should be changed to a different color.
3. The cutout for the map needs to be changed to reflect the bicycle path at Grove Park.
4. Bicycle times and dates need to be changed to May 15th.
5. Change the bicycle lane logo from orange to yellow.
6. Change the color of the pavilion.
7. In the legend, the bicycle lane could have a second line saying "extra caution".
8. Change bicycle boulevards to bicycle friendly streets.
9. The special signs for bicycle friendly streets should be at the top of the legend.
10. The street at the new bicycle parking station should be shown as green on First Street between Maryland

and Baltimore Avenues.

11. One-way arrows are too subtle and should be shown as black on Lake Drive and Sussex and Kent Streets. Arrows should be shown on Second Street from Maryland Avenue to Olive Avenue.
12. Hours for riding on the Boardwalk should be placed near the Boardwalk in a yellow square callout.
13. Parking callout should be put over the cars shown at Deauville Beach.
14. Put sharrows on the map and a definition. A suggestion was made that sharrows should also be placed on the next printing of the parking and walking map.

Five temporary sharrows have been placed on Henlopen Avenue at Grove Street, Canal Street at 1A, Sussex Street at Fourth Street, State Road at Hickman Street and Hickman Street at Scarborough Avenue. It was suggested that extra sharrows should be placed on the curve at King Charles Avenue. Signs will also be installed in addition to the sharrows. It has to be determined how many signs and sharrows will be installed throughout the City. Help is needed in knowing where exactly the sharrows should be placed. The sharrow at Henlopen Avenue and Grove Street should be repositioned further down Henlopen Avenue to be effective. The Committee needs to know what the traffic engineer's guideline would be on the placement of the sharrows. Pat will talk with Jeff Greene of Delaware Greenways with regard to positioning the sharrows. The Committee selected general areas where additional sharrows should be placed. Typically, sharrows are placed at the beginning of each block on both sides of the street.

15. Callouts for bicycle shops should be properly located on the map to reflect where the shops are actually located.
16. On the reverse side of the map, courtesy rules have been eliminated. Fun things to do are shown and the calendar of event has been expanded. All parking information has been eliminated from the proposed map.

The Committee discussed Versions 1 and 2 for rules of the road, bike routes and suggestions to be incorporated on the reverse side of the map. The consensus of the Committee was to use Version 2. Kathy will wordsmith Version 2 and send it to Bill, and they will forward the final version to all members as soon as possible.

16. Change "explore the beach early in the morning at low tide" to "explore the beach at low tide".
17. Change the background to a pale green.
18. Change the picture to incorporate a family riding bicycles.
19. Change "use hand signals to indicate right or left turns, slowing or stopping" to "use hand signals to indicated right or left turns".
20. Two panels will show Gordon's Pond and the Junction & Breakwater Trail. It was suggested that a mini-map should be incorporated showing how to get from Rehoboth Beach to each off-site destination. Jim had presented two ideas of maps. A map should be placed on each panel along with directions. They should be titled "Route to J&B Trail" and "Route to Gordon's Pond".
21. One to two panels at the top will be used for bicycle rules. Sub-headings can be done with restrictions, etc..
22. Members should email images and photographs to Pat to be incorporated on the map and reverse side.
23. Add useful links to the City website and the State in addition to qr codes.

The Committee discussed the possibility of placing a few more test sharrows on streets in order for the public to see them and provide feedback to the Committee. It was suggested that placement of sharrows should be close to the Committee members' houses, if appropriate. It was a mistake to put a sharrow on Hickman Street. It should have been placed at the entry onto Stockley Street. A suggestion was made to place sharrows where the Catholic and Presbyterian Churches are located on King Charles Avenue. Sharrows should be placed heading south on First Street at Delaware Avenue and on Hickman Street at King Charles Avenue. The sharrow on Canal Street should be relocated and another one added so it does not imply that Canal Street is a one-way street. The sharrow located on Henlopen Avenue is too close to Grove Park and should be relocated. Another suggestion was to place sharrows on Lake and Surf Avenues. Sharrows should not be restricted to bike-friendly streets, and they should be used where bicycling is dangerous. Pat will be working with Greg Ferrese and Mike Peterman with regard to placing a few more sharrows on the streets and placing signs at suggested locations.

Pat will email the map to all the members for their review once the changes have been incorporated.

The bicycle parking stations will be installed on June 14, 2012 on Baltimore Avenue at First Street. Planters are also included at this station. A quote was rejected from Sposato for planting of the planters. An email was sent to all the members for them to be on Baltimore Avenue at First Street on June 14, 2012. Pat will have the City help with getting some things, but volunteers will be needed to do the planting. Plants will possibly be ordered from East Coast. It is expected that the parking station will be completed by June 15, 2012.

Main Street will be getting City ambassadors who will be out and about in the City. They will be provided with t-shirts and will be handing out maps, etc. Pat is currently trying to work out the logistics with Main Street.

The section of Rehoboth Avenue at Canal Street and across from Grove Park is dangerous and needs to be addressed for pedestrians and bicyclists who are trying to cross the street. This matter will be addressed at a later date.

There has been no movement with regard to the bike plates for Canal Bridge.

Jeff Greene of Delaware Greenways will be at the Framers' Market on June 12, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He will be talking about the Junction Breakwater Trail and about what the Committee has been doing. A draft bicycle map will be provided for people to look at.

Jeff Greene will be formally submitting the final copy of the Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan to the City Commissioners in the near future. The Plan is a guide for the Committee to use in moving forward. An email was sent to the Committee for them to be able to download the Plan.

Discuss items to be included on future agendas.

Items to be included on the next agenda are: 1. Sharrows. 2. Assess the new bicycle parking station. 3. Instructions and a chart provided by Jeff Greene and to be done by ambassadors to assess use, bicycle counts, etc. 4. Sleeping policemen. 5. Update on Parkmobile.

Items to be included on future agendas are: 1. Discuss bike signs – reach the beach etc. 2. Policy for meters. 3. Policy for scooter parking. 4. Policy on loud vehicles. 5. Discuss surreys. 6. Discuss the possibility of a skateboard park.

Set next meeting.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on July 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business John Gauger made a motion, seconded by Jim Ellison, to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Ann M. Womack, CMC, City Secretary)

**MINUTES APPROVED ON
SEPTEMBER 7, 2012**

(Pat Coluzzi, Chair)