

MINUTES  
Bike and Pedestrian Safety Committee Meeting  
November 16,2022

Attendees: (All Virtual)

Robert Biciocchi,Chair, Edie Dondero, Dennis Roberts, Bob Shields, Bill Tinklepaugh,  
Glenn Tom (absent)

The Meeting was called to order at 1:30PM. There were no public attendees or comments.

The minutes of 8/29/22 were approved.

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce the new Chair and to collect ideas from past events and new ideas to continue to promote Safety.

Mr. Shields mentioned that The Bike Rodeo event was considered a success this past Summer in both attendance and feedback from residents and participation in the bike safety instruction by numerous kids.

Ideas were discussed on how to get increased Vendor participation and sponsorship for the event from local Bike shops by Mr Shields. Chairman Biciocchi asked about expanding awareness by circulating flyers to SB rental properties that might be listed in data held by the Town Manager. Chairman Biciocchi was going to explore that.

Mr. Roberts mentioned the possibility to renew and expand new signage/placards in several areas to remind residents of safe bike and pedestrian rules.

Past Chair Dondero also noted that there was a request already made to repaint past street markings of the road, existing speed bumps, and directional indicators for Walkers and Bikers. Also noted were the update for new Speed Limit signage in Cat Hill to reflect 15mph and Chair Biciocchi was going to check with Chief Lovins about the signage plan.

The remainder of the meeting was an open discussion led by Chair Biciocchi on the growth in volume of Ocean View bikers anticipated from a planned widening of the bike lanes West of the Assawoman canal by Ocean View and the effect anticipated of increased non-SB resident people coming through the "Cut Through" streets. It was noted that Eastward on Kent Ave has very narrow shoulders and is inadequate to handle a greater flow of pedestrian/bikers safely. Chair Biciocchi asked what was known about the trail along the backside of Middlesex, running parallel to the tennis courts, that connects Kent avenue to Evergreen area near SBTC building. A discussion of whether that trail could be enhanced to help handle beach going pedestrian/bike traffic. Mr Roberts noted that the path has multiple owners and cooperation would be required with Middlesex and the Bayside Tennis Club to consider a project like that.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35PM and a December date TBD for the next BPSC meeting would be forthcoming from the Chair.