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Agenda

**Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group
Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 7:00 pm
Via Zoom Video Conference**

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Working Group Chair: Nate Engle, Chair; Anne-Marie Turner, Co-Chair

- Please provide Notes for the Meeting

Working Group Members:

Call to Order

New Business

1. Introductory and background (10 min): Nate Engle and Anne-Marie Turner
2. Discussion (40 min): Everyone
3. Wrap-Up and Next Steps (10 min): Nate and Anne-Marie

Meeting Notes

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Participants: Nate Engle (Chair), Anne-Marie Turner (Co-Chair), Christopher Zappi, Alan Simon, Jamie Keller, Al Carr, Todd Frankel, Lisa Salamat, Alison Durland, David Romeo.

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Call to Order (7:02)

1. Introductory and background: Nate Engle and Anne-Marie Turner

- Purpose of meeting is to brainstorm what structure and function the Working Group (WG) should take over the coming months. Looking to better understand the vision for the group and outcomes.
- Reminder of ongoing County initiatives to potentially feed into: Complete Streets Design Guide; Pedestrian Master Plan. Eli Glazier, contact for the Pedestrian Master Plan from the Planning Department, interested in coordinating with our WG on synergies.
- WG represents an opportunity to be more proactive and discover how the Town can work with the County and State towards better pedestrian and bike access and safety.

2. Discussion: Everyone

- Residents views on structure and function of WG, strategic topics, and specific issues/locations seen as important, include (summarized here in different categories, in no particular order of priority):

Structure/function of WG

- Help Town get ahead of the curve and have pedestrian and bicycle improvement suggestions already prepared for DRB and Council when new development or other opportunities arise (e.g., when developers offer to pay for on-site or off-site pedestrian improvements, the Town is ready to identify which ones).
- Meet monthly or bi-monthly, with a categorized/prioritized set of actions to accomplish over the next 1-year period.

Strategic topics/points for WG to potentially tackle

- Inventory and establish the baseline throughout the Town's streetscapes to identify what is there vs. what is needed and help to prioritize the most important improvements.
- Organize 'walkability audits' to gather information, feed into planning processes, etc.
- Crowd-source a mapping exercise where residents can contribute to the process more broadly.

- Focus on education, outreach, and awareness; especially given new walkers and cyclists with Covid.
- Improve (and make more energy efficient) street lighting.
- Access County, State, Regional, and Federal grants to support our efforts.
- Improve inclusiveness, considering also wheelchairs, walkers, skateboards, scooters, etc.
- Push for bike share stations and bike lockers (at the MARC station, for example), including making sure that developments already committed to paying for these services follow through.
- Position Kensington as a model/pilot for what it means to transform into a truly pedestrian/bicycling centered community.
- Remove no bikes allowed sign at Town Hall.
- Consider the WSSC repaving process of Kensington Parkway and other opportunities for improvements according to what is suggested in the County's Bicycling Master Plan.

- Evaluate the Bicycling Master Plan to identify where it might not make sense or where there are missed opportunities on-the-ground in Kensington.
- Connect residential and commercial sections of the Town.
- Consider planned improvements such as a non-motorized underpass for the CSX tracks.
- Install ADA compliant pedestrian ramps with new development and on sidewalks leading to key community facilities such as Town Hall and St Paul Park.
- Consider interplay between bicycling, walking, transit, and traffic in an integrated and holistic manner.

Specific locations for improved safety/access

- Make crossing Connecticut a safer walking and cycling option, including its various crossings and intersections.
- Consider pedestrian safety on pathways to the MARC Station, especially across Metropolitan.
- Install safer crossing at Knowles at Detrick intersection.
- Add a well-demarcated walking and cycling option along Kensington Parkway.
- Support efforts to slow traffic along Knowles.

3. Wrap-Up and Next Steps: Nate and Anne-Marie

- Draft and share notes for comments/edits/additions. Not formal minutes.
- Nate to report on the WG session at Sept 14 Town Council meeting.
- Participants agreed to email Nate and Anne-Marie regarding their level of interest in continuing on the WG and the role she/he would like to play moving forward.
- Participants agreed for next meeting to develop a criteria/evaluation form to help rank priorities to discuss outputs and outcomes during the next meeting, to be held in October, exact date TBD.