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Notes

Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group

December 20, 2022, 7:00 pm

On-Line Session

Working Group Chair: Nate Engle

Working Group participants: Leslie Olson, Alan Simon, Davina Finn, Carole O'Toole,
Alison Durland, Jamie Keller

Meeting:

1. Welcome
2. Walkability/Bikeability Audit Status Report
 - Alan acknowledged the time involved in completing the survey and thanked everyone for their efforts to date.
 - Currently, approximately 50% of the segments have been entered, so we are behind schedule for completing the audit by the end of 2022.
 - He pointed out a few reminders in completing the audit:
 - o Be sure to record the dates and times of your survey in the A-C columns.
 - o Highlight any changes/additions to original data in **bright blue**, being sure not to erase original data.
 - o Record measurements of sidewalks and buffers.
 - o In the "recommendations" section, make recommendations for change or improvements, rather than additional comments. In other words, what would you propose be changed?
 - o For any photos you have, name them with the year, segment number and brief description of photo. Then create a folder with the segment name and copy the photos into the folder and upload folders into the shared site.
 - The group briefly discussed next steps, which will involve reviewing all recommendations for prioritization. It was suggested that at our next meeting we strategize how to establish a process to prioritize recommendations.
 - **Alan will reach out to those volunteers who have not yet completed their surveys to offer support and address questions. The goal is to complete the audit before our next meeting in January.**
3. Other work team updates

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- a. Communication and education – 1-pager and slogan
 - Carole presented the work team’s ideas for creating a slogan that represents the unique nature of our town regarding its attractiveness and accessibility by foot, to raise awareness of our work and the town’s commitment for maintaining these qualities.
 - The group supported the idea of developing a slogan, and agreed that the first step was finding what resonates for us as a group that is representative of why we love where we live. A spirited discussion followed of suggested slogans, with the group landing on:

“Kensington at Your Feet: Walk/Bike/Enjoy”
 - The slogan, once finalized, would be used on PBSAWG documents and possibly for use on t-shirts or other items. It was suggested that we may be able to work with the online store the Town has started to offer items with the slogan. **Nate noted the Town may need to approve any slogan we decide upon, and he will follow up to determine next steps.**
 - Chris Quay has drafted a one-page brochure outlining the WG’s mission statement and key objectives that will be presented for discussion at the January meeting.
 - b. Prioritization- PBSAWG Vision Statement
 - Everyone had an opportunity to review Jon’s draft Vision Statement and with minor edits it was agreed upon. **Nate will work with Town staff to post it to the Town website (and ultimately, the one-page brochure), providing greater clarity around our purpose and motivation.**
4. BPPA Update
 - Nate updated the WG that SHA has brought on Fehr & Peers, who had done the recent MD185 needs assessment of Connecticut Avenue from the DC border to the Connecticut Ave/University Blvd split, as the lead consultant for the Kensington BPPA. They did a walk-through of the areas with SHA and the consultant, with an official kickoff coming in January. Like the TLC grant, this effort will also emphasize public involvement, and is expected to focus on the entire BPPA area designation, including Kensington Parkway, Plyers Mill and North Kensington, in addition to Connecticut Avenue and west of Connecticut Avenue.
 5. Connecticut Ave/University/Summit Extended RFP
 - Nate reported that at the last Town Council Meeting, approval was given to move forward on an RFP for a preliminary design analysis for the Connecticut Ave/University Blvd Split (with the Summit Ave extension included) to improve traffic movement and ped/biking options and support economic development. They expect to be working on this over the next several months.
 6. AOB
 - Nate thanked everyone for their efforts to date on the street audit, vision statement, and communication education activities and wished everyone Happy Holidays.
 - **Next meeting online on Tuesday, January 17th, 7pm** via Zoom.

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