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Council Member Nate Engle**



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Notes

Pedestrian and Bicycling Access and Safety Working Group

November 13th, 2023, 7:30 pm

Zoom: Meeting Recording -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/yphHMnJElbh3JIRKX5vUUyGUrb0nWTE7Vr1VRHxNTviJSEe11KORuPAxxz56-36.jDb697jm17I9NG0s?startTime=1699922485000>

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Participants: Alison, Al, Alan, Leslie, Carole, Tracy, Michael, Marla, Jonathan, Jamie, Chris

Walktober event recap

- Good turnout – 22 coupons distributed, nice weather, great discussions. Positive feedback from the participants.
- Some confusion amongst businesses regarding how to accept and process the coupons. May want to do additional outreach next year to bring in more businesses.
- May want to consider a “theme” for next year and/or focusing on one particular part of Town.
- Next year advertise via posters, Labor Day table, Kensington 8k. Improve communication around it. Start planning it earlier next year – April.
- Get students involved for SSL hours.

Member bios

- **All members to share bios with Nate and Alan if they haven’t already.**

Other workstream updates

- CSX crossing (and Metropolitan Ave)
 - Carole updated on the workstream’s discussion with Town Manager Hoffman. Discussed short-term safety improvements such as signage and cross bars, as well as improvements to the surface (asphalt), minimize gaps, and widen the platform. Matt drafting a letter to MTA and CSX regarding improvements to safety. Long-term solutions – at grade crossing likely not possible, but an overpass could be feasible.
 - **Workstream to meet again to discuss next steps, including possibly to talk with Garret Park on how they did their at-grade asphalt crossing.**
- Bicycling education and infrastructure
 - Leslie gave an update on discussion with Paul Ellis from County Councilmember Stewart’s office.
 - Some disagreement around what is allowed and not allowed in the Town. Even more reason to draft this article. **Workstream to meet and get back to the WG with an update on timeline, and to sift through the information they’ve gathered and draft an article that helps educate residents and cyclists about the laws.**

- Jamie updated on the potential learn-to-ride event. MCDOT would lead and pay for this, with support of WABA. Usually larger lots are selected, but WABA and MCDOT open to checking out Kensington as a location. **Jamie to confirm with MCDOT and WABA to come and assess Town Hall as a potential location to host an event in the spring.**
- c. Public art and PBAS – “Tactical Urbanism”
 - Marla gave a short presentation and overview of tactical urbanism concept that she, Peter, and Erl put together. Emphasized prioritizing safety, reclaiming spaces, and fostering community, and included a workstream schedule between now and July 2024.
 - Discussion around prioritization criteria, some low hanging fruit, and budget. Marla and team to think through what a demonstration project could look like. Could be Calvert and Kensington Parkway. **Workstream to highlight 1-2 to pilot and get to Nate and Matt before the next budget cycle by February 2024.**

AoB

Workstreams to meet in November/December, with next full meeting in January (date TBD)

Chat history:

20:00:58 From Jk to Everyone:

Check out <https://www.myparkingday.org/>

20:04:05 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

Tactical Urbanism that MCDOT took down: <https://www.fox5dc.com/news/fake-speed-camera-taken-down-in-kensington>

20:16:42 From Jonathan Rogers to Everyone:

Here's DDOT's webpage on curb extension murals. A few things to call out 1) a map with photos showing where there are curb extension murals and 2) a best practices guide intended for artists installing the murals. it's a nuts and bolts guide that focuses on materials and other logistics of painting in the street. <https://arts-in-the-right-of-way-dcgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/curb-extension-murals>

20:17:42 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

Yes, that is my question.

20:21:18 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

Hahaha. I was just typing: "Clearly, clarification is needed."

20:22:48 From Jk to Everyone:

https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=22366&Dept=50

20:23:24 From Jk to Everyone:

<https://www.myparkingday.org/>

20:23:37 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

<https://waba.org/blog/2020/06/regional-bike-laws/>

20:44:50 From marla hollander to Everyone:

Sorry, I have to sign off. Will catch up later.

20:45:01 From Jk to Everyone:

[https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-](https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-PedSafety/Resources/Files/07_OnRoadTogetherBrochure_Bicycle_Safety.pdf)

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20:45:45 From Michael Lyons to Everyone:

Good link.