

Lincoln Cycling Safety Advisory Committee
June 19, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Present:

Bob Wolf
James Craig
Ginger Reiner
Ian Spencer
Megan Kate Nelson
John Mendelson

Notes by Megan Kate Nelson

Welcome and Announcements

Update: Final Report Progress, Planning, and Assignments

The committee discussed the progress of our final report, to be submitted before the State of the Town meeting in October. Everyone is comfortable with the section assignments but most of us need to move from outline to prose form.

Due date for draft: July 30 (Monday) - will hammer out the final during a meeting on Thursday, August 2.

The committee discussed an additional item to put in the report: the future of this committee, and where the committee might want to go from here. If it becomes a Standing Committee, members would have to go back to the Selectmen to change the status, have appointed terms, etc. BW will write a draft of a continuing charge for the Committee, with structure, etc. The committee members agreed to discuss this draft at the next meeting.

JC informed the committee that we will have 10 minutes to present a brief power point re: what we have been up to at State of the Town on October 20, which will be based on the report the members draft and submit.

Rules Enforcement Update

IS told the committee that he is working with Minuteman on prototypes for the handout to give to drivers and cyclists.

Thornberg PSA Update

The committee initially discussed several options for the Thornberg memorial, including using one of the Complete Streets bike racks and placing a plaque with the quote on it from Thornberg's water bottle: "Wherever you go, go without all your heart" in white. Later in the meeting, Jennifer Birney came in and discussed the possibility of integrating the plaque into a granite bench that will be placed near the commuter parking lot.

July 4th activities and handouts

The committee discussed possible designs for a Rules of the Road bookmark to hand out at the July 4th parade and other events in Lincoln. The committee voted to empower GR to choose a design, write the text, and edit it.

The committee decided to create a float for the July 4th parade with posters encouraging safe riding and driving, and promoting the work of the committee. GR will locate a bike trailer and other items, and host a float assembly gathering at her home. At the parade, available Committee members will hand out candy (no throwing!).

Cyclists May Use Full Lane Signs

The committee reviewed the press release, drafted by MKN - BW said the signs will be placed on Friday the 22nd or early next week. The committee discussed getting some members together at one of the signs for a photo op to post on Facebook and Twitter. Committee voted to leave the list of streets out of the press release and approved the text of the release without it.

Committee discussed MassDOT's resistance to using "Cyclists May Use Full Lane" signs on Route 2A (in favor of "Share the Road" signs), as articulated in a letter sent to Chris Bibbo. They were encouraged by the quick response but will line up support for placing of "Full Lane" signs and entering into longer talks with MassDOT regarding Route 2A conditions for cyclists. The members considered the best way to respond - and whether or not to recruit MassBike and town committees in Lexington and Concord. The committee agreed that getting to the table with MassDOT is the most important thing; the committee must be strategic and thoughtful re: how to get to the larger ask.

Action items:

The minutes from the prior meeting were not yet ready so not ready so approval was tabled.

Action Items until next meeting:

Everyone needs to draft her/his section of the Report (by July 30).

CSAC next meeting: Thursday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned, 8:45 p.m.