

Minutes for RBAC Meeting: June 1, 2022

7:00 – 9:00 pm, virtual Webex meeting

In attendance online: David Anspacher, Bryan Barnett-Woods, Nancy Breen, Sophie Chan-Wood, Joe Gillespie, Jake Jakubek, Lynda Honberg, Bill Michie, Carl Petersen, Mark Pierzchala,, Jon Ryder, Shannon Brescher Shea, Dave Stinchcomb, and Dan Treadwell

Nancy started the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Lynda motioned to approve the minutes; Dave seconded. Jake requested to add ghost bike to the agenda. Lynda wanted to talk about Hometown Holidays and RedGate Park.

(1) As part of the **City Update**, Bryan said that Bike to Work Day was a success with the two pitstops at the Rockville Town Center and Fallsgrove. He will follow up with the number of registrants and attendees.

The City submitted two applications for the Maryland Bikeway Grants for Martins Lane and bike counters.

The project on N Washington Street and E Middle Lane is planned to start in the summer and continue into early 2023.

Development at 1818 Chapman Ave will be introduced to the Traffic & Transportation Commission on 6/28 at 7 pm. There will be a public meeting to discuss traffic review in the future. Over 400+ family dwellings and retail space are proposed in this space that is across from Safeway and the former site of Tony's Auto Shop. Bike parking racks are provided, covered racks are not required per the zoning ordinance; loading zones will not interfere with bike lanes; a dropoff/pick-up area the front of the building abuts the bicycle lane and the intersection treatment at Thompson Ave will be considered. Dependent upon the traffic study. David will send Bryan information about a County precedent for sidewalks during construction in 2020.

(2) Carl discussed **bike rides for 2022**. The Bike Month Kick-off Ride had 31 participants and the Ride of Silence had 23 riders. In 2021, RBAC hosted 28 bike rides and averaged about 28 cyclists per ride. Ranging from 9 to 42 people for the group rides, we would have a total of almost 800 cyclists including the first-ever Juneteenth ride and the Rock East District, which had 42 cyclists and the largest attendance for the year. Our rides not only show diverse bike infrastructure but also practice safety rules especially riding in groups.

This year the first Tuesday night ride will be on 6/7 at 6:30 pm. We will start at the Mattie Stepaneck Park with a ride to Carmen's. Carl will lead and Nancy will sweep this ride.

June 14 will be a ride to the train station in Olde Towne Gaithersburg. The first Carl Henn Millennium Trail ride will be on 7/17, which is National Ice Cream Day. Carl will lead this ride and start the Senior Center and add a route to Carmen's.

Nancy reported about 30 adults and children attended the **Memorial Day Parade**. The original RBAC banner was lost but then found again, so we have two banners on-hand now.

The **Tour de Cookie** was cancelled due to rain. Jonathan will find out if the planning has started for next year yet.

Lynda said **RedGate Park** needs more bike racks for parking especially during an event like Hometown Holidays.

(3) Jon Ryder, a transportation planner with the Montgomery County Park and Planning, announced the **Bikeway Branding project**. The program goal is to identify breezeways for less confident riders and most comfortable being separated from vehicular traffic; and neighborhood greenways with signage and wayfinding between destinations. This network also aims to make the curious and concerned group of cyclists feel comfortable and safe.

In August this project will be presented to the steering committee. There will be public meeting announcement in September. All in hopes to legitimize the use of biking for transportation.

The discussion on eBikes was tabled until next month.

Jake will be chairing the July and possibly August meetings since Nancy will be out of town.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophie Chan-Wood