



WALK BIKE RIDE SOUTH ORANGE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 15, 2023 – 8:00-9:30 PM

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order
2. Roll Call - Julia Flath, Ed Moore, Mike Jaslow, Ben Vitale, Jeff Swingle, Drew Pattison, Alan Kriegel, Alisa Aronson, Clif Kranish, Dave Yim, Sam Salkin, Tara Roberts, Ben Vitale, Tim McLaughlin, Kevin Kelly
 - a. Notetaker: Ed Moore
3. Approval of Minutes from 4/17/2023 - approved
4. Committee Administration Update
 - a. Still seeking Pedestrian Subcommittee Captain - Tara Roberts will serve for now
 - b. Permanent Secretary/Notetaker volunteer is still needed. Volunteer for 6/19 meeting is Dave Yim
 - c. Member funded Zoom account will be set up
 - d. New trustee liaison - Summer Jones
5. Greenway
 - a. Greenway Bike/Walk Parade - Sunday 5/21 3-5pm at Meadowland Park
<https://www.facebook.com/events/551300520522195/>
 - i. Review event plan to be distributed by Julia F
 - ii. Volunteer Needs Sign up sheet to be distributed by Julia F.
 - iii. Supply Needs - Scissors, tape, etc
 - iv. Please help spread the word!
 - b. Greenway Committee Update - construction bids still under federal review,
 - i. next mtg May 16 7:30 PM
6. Communications
 - a. Create flier by 5/21 - Alan to design
 - b. Julia updating [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), no website yet
7. Public Comments - None
8. Village Engineer Update - Not present
9. SOPD Update - Not present
10. Pedestrian
 - a. Reflective Gear Handouts with JESPY House and SOPD - Farmers Market in June/July
 - b. Reflective Gear Handouts with JESPY House and SOPD was successful.
 - c. WBRSO table/reflective handout at Farmers Market on Wed July 5 will be staffed by JESPY House.
 - d. Ask town if they can order a tablecloth with WBRSO logo
 - e. Another distribution is planned for Fall.
 - f. Vose and Comstock parking spot - Seniors trying to get it removed



- g. Essex County promised to do a traffic study at Arnold and Valley - they now have said it will be postponed/delayed until the County modification plan for Valley St in SO and MWD is completed.
 - h. Report from DPW mtg by Ed: SO will do curb repairs during 2023, but only at town properties or damage that DPW did when removing trees in front of residences.
- 11. Bicycling
 - a. Meeting to be scheduled with Topology & David Battaglia re bike lanes. Location and type of lanes to be discussed. Alan, Drew and Tim interested in attending.
 - b. Drew to talk to Seton Hall safety officer.
- 12. Transit
 - a. In February, Subcommittee met with South Orange Parking Authority who run the Jitney program and other internal busing. Support for expanding Jitney use during off hours was lukewarm. Subcommittee will develop map of available public transit in Village.
 - b. Request Parking Authority to post jitney schedules on SO website (used to be there, currently missing).
 - c. NJ Transit survey about improving bicycle, scooter, and pedestrian access to transit.
 - d. Parking - Topology is planning to update the parking policy in 2023 and WBRSO should get a chance to provide input, need to check on status.
- 13. Traffic Calming
 - a. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Opportunity - Julia F and Ed M will meet with Village Administrator to discuss grant opportunities.
 - b. Essex2045
 - i. Essex County is holding a presentation May 17 to share the county's draft long-range transportation plan. Someone from WBRSO to attend and report.
 - ii. <http://www.ecdpw.org/essex-2045.php>
 - iii. http://www.ecdpw.org/pdf/Essex2045_OutreachFactSheet_2023%2003%2024.pdf
- 14. School
 - a. SOMSD busing > 1.25 mi was approved
 - b. Julia F trying to schedule Safe Routes to School presentation at Clinton
- 15. Misc
 - a. Dave Yim: Come out as an organization against NJ's turnpike highway widening proposal <https://turnpiketrapp.org>
 - i. Committee to review and vote on at June meeting
 - b. Dave Yim recommends book Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time by Jeff Speck
- 16. Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 19 at 8PM is Juneteenth - does this still work? Julia F will survey for alternate date
 - a. Meetings are 3rd Monday of month
 - b. Bicycle subcommittee meeting - Monday May 29 8 PM is end of Memorial Weekend - will be rescheduled
 - c. Pedestrian subcommittee meeting Monday June 5 8 PM - will be rescheduled
- 17. Adjournment - 9:35 PM