

Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Board Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Building- Morgantown, WV

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Attendance: Don Spencer, Angela Wiley, Christiaan Abildso, Stan Cohen, Matthew Cross, Jimmy Simmons, Ella Belling, Bill Reger-Nash, Bob Anderson, Tyley Pearson, Dave Harshbarger, George Lilley, Hugh Kierig,

I. Call to Order/Attendance Check

Chair Christiaan Abildso called the March meeting of the Pedestrian Safety Board to order at 4:08 pm.

II. Discussion of Board Membership

Vice-Chair Bill Reger-Nash said he wanted to sure all wards were represented. He suggested placing Hugh Keirig in Rob Moyers' membership position as a WVU representative. Matthew Cross could possibly represent the vacant position for fourth ward. It was decided that having Downtown and Woodburn representatives would round out Pedestrian Safety Board membership. Angela Wiley said she would ask Terry Cutright to help find a Main Street Morgantown representative for downtown.

Angela and Christiaan will attend the April 1st Traffic Commission Meeting to recommend the following changes to the Pedestrian Safety Board membership:

Add - Hugh Kierig, Sarah Bias, Matthew Cross, Dwight Harshbarger;

Remove - Roz Becker, Tom Bias, Rob Moyer, Becca Fint-Clark, Greg Good, Rick Landenberger

III. Neighborhood Association Visit Updates

Bill will attend the April Woodburn association meeting; Christiaan will attend the next Greenmont meeting. Matthew Cross said the Suncrest meeting was planned for March 26 at the Cavalry Church on Burroughs Street. Either Christiaan or Bob Anderson plan on attending. Bill and Christiaan emphasized that the purpose of attending the neighborhood association meetings was to promote the "Year of Active Transport" and the City of Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Plan. We will not specifically endorse any funding approach until further consideration of the options. Christiaan said he would send out talking points for all Neighborhood Association meetings. Don Spencer said he will be adding a section on **Equality** in the plan. This is a sixth E, and may be the most important. The term 'equality' would encompass everyone's right to active transport and is consistent with the **Complete the Streets Resolution** passed by Morgantown City Council and the Greater Morgantown Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

IV. "Year of Active Transport" Update, March event

a. March 23: Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days Kickoff

Dave Harshbarger said the event, sponsored by WVU Health Sciences Center, would kick-off at Ruby Hospital at 12:00, 3:30 and 5:00 pm. He encouraged all members to attend. Dave also said it would be good for Bill or Christiaan to attend, along with other board members, to speak with media. Bill suggested tracking and awarding participants based on the number of days they walk to work. Dave asked Bill to draft a blurb describing the Walk to Work component of the campaign. Everyone should support this campaign. Form a team in your organization, church, synagogue, temple, or neighborhood association. Information available at <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/wellness/>. Click on [Registration Deadline](#).

V. *Year of Active Transport*, April event planning

Christiaan prefaced this portion of the meeting by summarizing details from a meeting Bill, Christiaan and Tyler Pearson had with the *Dominion Post*'s Editorial Board about the *Year of Active Transport*. Christiaan had suggested a "Sidewalk Watch" to correspond with the weekly "Pothole Watch". They agreed to include this in the *Dominion Post*. The board offered the Pedestrian Safety Board a monthly column to discuss campaign efforts. They also committed to promoting the Pedestrian Safety Board's monthly events. The DP editorial board was also interested in featuring active commuters in the paper. Those on the editorial board asked Christiaan and Bill to develop three stories in advance.

Bill said the first could be about the *Year of Active Transport* generally, with others tracking different modes of transportation. Hugh volunteered to write about the PRT, Hugh indicated he would ask Mountain Line's Maria Smith to address the bus, Bill committed to writing the campaign overview, Christiaan planned to write on walking; Tyler signed up for the bicycling article.

Hugh said there would be a free symposium at WVU on April 19 and 20. Speakers were planned to host workshops and lead discussions and lectures about sustainability. The conference would end in the unveiling of a carpool sharing website and two pairs of "WeCars" for the campus. Bill asked Hugh to consolidate all of WVU's events into an "Earth Week" description.

Ella suggested that Christiaan put together calendars of events and safety-tip brochures instead of developing a larger display for events. Christiaan agreed that this would be helpful and easier to distribute at events.

VI. *Year of Active Transport*, Evaluation – assembling team/plan

Christiaan said he was thinking of methods to survey commuting behaviors. Bob and Angela said they were interested in helping. The three planned on setting up further, independent meetings to complete survey research.

VII. Green Team Update

Bill said he had attended a Green Team meeting. Their Transportation Subcommittee is currently inactive. However, the Green Team is interested in exchanging listservs with the Pedestrian Safety Board, to keep one another updated. Don said he would send contact information of the Green Team chair (Bill Wonderlin) to Christiaan and Angela. The Green Team meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Public Safety Building. All members were encouraged to attend, but no official point person was recognized aside from Don, who was active on the Pedestrian Safety Board and the Green Team.

VIII. Set Time & Date of next Pedestrian Safety Board Meeting

Monday, April 13 from 4-6 pm at the Public Safety Building.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Action	Member	Due Date
Recruit a team in your organization for Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days (http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/wellness/) Click on Registration Deadline	ALL	Sunday, March 22
Bring hard-copy of meeting minutes to April meeting	Bill Reger-Nash	Next meeting
Contact Judy Reckart about representing Mon County Schools	Bill Reger-Nash	Next meeting
Talk to Terry Cutwright about Main Street Morgantown representative	Angela Wiley	Next meeting
Attend Neighborhood association meetings (Woodburn, Greenmont, Suncrest)	Christiaan, Bill, Bob	Next meeting
Send out Talking Points for Neighborhood Association Meetings	Christiaan	Friday, March 13
E-mail Dave listserv for flyer .pdf distribution	Angela	Tuesday, March 10
Walk to Work Blurb for Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days	Bill	Friday, March 13
Write <i>Dominion Post</i> articles about Year of Active Transport	Christiaan, Bill, Hugh, Tyler, Maria Smith	Due to Bill by Monday, March 16
Equity Section to Ped Safety Plan	Don Spencer	Friday, March 20

Minutes submitted by Angela Wiley