

**Morgantown Pedestrian Safety Board Meeting Agenda**  
**Public Safety Building- Morgantown, WV**  
**Monday, July 13, 2009**  
**4:00 – 6:00 PM**

Attendance: Bill Reger-Nash, Don Spencer, Bob Anderson, George Lilley, Rebecca White, Martha Summers, Hugh E. Kierig, Jimmie Simmons, Maria Smith, Stan Cohen, Pat Reilly, Angela Wiley

I. Call to Order

Chair Christiaan Abildso called the July meeting of the Pedestrian Safety Board to order at 4:02 pm.

II. Attendance Check

Everyone present signed the sign-in sheet.

III. Board Membership Verification (requested by Traffic Commission)

Angela Wiley reviewed the board membership.

IV. Review of May meeting minutes/unfinished business (deferred from June meeting)

Dr. Bill Reger-Nash updated members on funding. Two sources of funding were secured: 1) Don Spencer successfully lobbied for \$3000 of city funds, and 2) a \$2500 state grant was awarded to the board. The \$2500 grant needs to be spent by September.

Nick Hein developed a proposal for a website, which was sent to the city for review. A decision had not been made at the time of the July meeting.

The website would be utilized for the Year of Active Transport, but could have a lasting impact by including information for the community about the board's activities.

Members discussed the purchase of two banners to be hung in town. Don Spencer was point on finding estimates, and all members consented to the purchase of the banners.

V. Review of June meeting minutes/unfinished business (see attached)

a. Update MUB proposal trail improvement project for 2010

Christiaan was waiting on an official funding and plan update from MUB at the time of the July meeting.

The June meeting with MUB was noted by city officials and entities as positive; it helped increase communication between MUB and other interests in the city.

The plan was slated to come to vote at City Council on July 21. The plan was not inclusive of implementation – it only included approval of the funding.

The Pedestrian Safety Board's recommendation to MUB was to finish the project as quickly as possible, with concurrent projects meeting in the middle.

Dr. Bill Reger-Nash sent out Pedestrian Safety Facts and Matthew Cross was still developing fact sheets for the board.

#### VI. Year of Active Transport, July – KEY EVENT: Kids' Day and Creative Kids Day – July 18

The board decided it was too late to develop a brochure in time for the Kids' Day event.

- a. July Fourth Parade
- b. Active Commuting to the Farmers' Market – Saturday Mornings

Christiaan wanted to brainstorm ways for volunteers to gauge if shoppers at the market had walked, biked, or ridden the bus.

Bill suggested planning an event for September 12<sup>th</sup>, which would reward active commuters by offering a 10% discount.

Bob Anderson asked if the money for the discount would come from vendors or from the board.

Bill said the process for getting money from the city would take too long; but different businesses could potentially offer discounts.

Hugh Kierig pointed out different dates that could be strategic for the board to hold the event in August. He asked to be the point person for this event.

#### VII. Year of Active Transport, August Planning

- a. KEY EVENT: 2009 Uphill Struggle: Johnny's Challenge – Aug 8, 9:00 am at Seneca Center

A meeting about this event was scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Blue Moose Café. Matthew Cross planned on attending to see what the board could provide at the event.

The ride was planned to run from Seneca Center to a park in Star City.

b. Audio Historic Walking Tours of Downtown Morgantown

Board members were encouraged to take part in the tour in order to write about it in promotion for the month of August.

c. WVU Hospitals' Sprint Splash and Spin Triathlon – August 29

Christiaan encouraged members to participate, or to form teams in the name of the board.

VIII. Year of Active Transport, Evaluation

a. Survey update

Christiaan said he would be getting in touch with Bob Anderson, Dwight Harshbarger, and Bill Reger-Nash in order to update the city.

b. Other methods of evaluation

Members discussed potentially tracking the number of bikes on WVU's campus.

Maria Smith said she would continue tracking the number of riders using the bike racks on the bus.

Christiaan said he had three infra-red sensors which could be placed at intersections.

IX. PUBH Graduate Student Projects – Bill

Observations at intersections were going well.

Meetings with Ron Eck forced the group to drop a project utilizing flags at signalized intersections.

Direction within the group was uncertain at the time of the meeting. They were exploring the possibility of moving priorities to match those within the Pedestrian Safety Plan.

X. Set Time & Date of the Next Pedestrian Safety Board Meeting

The next date of the Pedestrian Safety Board was set of Monday, August 10 from 4-5:30 pm at the Public Safety Building.

XI. Other Items - none

XII. Adjournment – go do audio walking tours at 5:00 from Hotel Morgan

The July meeting of the Pedestrian Safety Board was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Action	Point Person	Due Date
Brainstorm ways to spend funding (\$5500 in city and grant funding)	All	August Meeting
Investigate purchase of two 8x3 banners	Don	July 20 (one week)
City Council – final vote on MUB plan	All interested	July 21, 7:30 pm at Council Chambers
Attend planning meeting for Uphill Struggle	Matthew Cross	July 21, 4:00 pm at Blue Moose Cafe
Choose date and plan Farmers' Market event	Hugh Kierig	ASAP
Work on survey and submit update to city	Christiaan, Dave, Dwight	ASAP
Meet at Bill's office regarding grant writing for promotion of pedestrian safety	All interested	July 14, 2:30 pm at Bill's office (e-mail Bill for directions)

Notes taken by Angela Wiley