

City of Norwalk
Norwalk Bike/Walk Taskforce
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2016, 6:00pm
Health Department – 2nd Floor Library
137 East Avenue, Norwalk CT 06851

Attendees: Kaitlin Latham, Tim Callahan, Jud Aley, Kevin Kane, Gunnar Waldman, Nancy Rosett, Tilly Hatcher, Colin Grotheer, Ian Ray, Peter Libre, Svenja Illien-Junger

1. The December 2015 minutes passed unanimously.
2. Starting in February 2016, all Bike/Walk Taskforce meetings will start at 6:00pm.
3. Colin discussed the development of a road connecting Byington Pl to Berkely St through the Al Madany Islamic Center of Norwalk's property at 1 Union Park St. He plans to speak with Redevelopment and landscape architects about plans for this connection and its feasibility.
4. The Discover CT Ride has been done in West Hartford and New Britain, raising funds for Bike/Walk CT and the city the ride takes place in. The organizers are looking for a third location and Norwalk may be an option. The Taskforce recommended forming a subcommittee that will spearhead this project. Members include Tilly, Nancy, Tim, Ian, and Colin. The subcommittee will determine what this commitment entails and will meet with the ride organizers and the cities who have hosted in the past.
5. The Taskforce discussed a potential ride from Bridgeport to Stamford along Route 1. This ride would be for experienced cyclists and show ConnDOT that this road could be made safer for all road users. Peter will call Keith G to gauge interest in the ride and determine next steps.
6. Colin will draft an op-ed based on the Norwalk Bike/Walk Taskforce's talking points, which are:
 - a. We want to make every road in Norwalk safe for cyclists and pedestrians, and in the process, put bike lanes on ~5% of Norwalk's roads
 - b. Narrower traffic lanes improve safety for all; increases cycling and walking, reduces congestion
 - c. Active transportation, such as biking and walking, improves Norwalkers' health
7. The Taskforce discussed striping options for Gregory Boulevard and agreed that a discussion with Common Council Members, the Marvin Beach Association, and Mike Mushak (for his Zoning expertise) would be beneficial before deciding on a recommendation for striping. Peter will speak with Jud about outreach options to the Council and Beach Association.
8. The Taskforce discussed protected and raised bike lanes throughout the City of Norwalk. The present members agreed that this was not a time-sensitive issue and plans to discuss it further in future meetings.
9. Kevin will look into Evernote and other file sharing/storage platforms.

10. Kaitlin, Tim, Kevin, Nancy, and Jud are meeting to discuss the Taskforce's strategic plan on 1/13/16. They will report on this at the next meeting.
11. Send potential agenda items to Peter no later than the Thursday before the meeting. Peter will send the agenda to Kaitlin to be posted online by 12pm on the Friday before the meeting.