

Minutes

Bike/Walk Task Force

January 12, 2015

Health Department, 7 PM

Present: Doug Adams (of General Growth Properties), Larry Cafero (of General Growth Properties), Tim Callahan, Nancy Chapman (reporter), Tilly Hatcher, Kaitlin Laitham, Peter Libre, Esme Lombard, Mike Mushak, Ian Ray, Nancy Rosett

1. General Growth Properties proposal for mall development of 95-7 property

Doug Adams and Larry Cafero discussed their vision for a modern mall, integrated with the streetscape rather than a fortress mall, and accomodating of pedestrian and bike visitors. They plan to construct a tunnel entrance from the left lane of southbound West Ave to enter mid block on west side. Mike Mushak presented sketches of a proposed West Ave lane markings: seven 10 foot car lanes, two 5 foot bike lanes, and east side parking (7 ft with 3 ft buffer). Peter Libre asked that GGP consider placing a sidewalk grade bike lane between West Ave and pedestrian sidewalk. **GGP reps were asked to return March 2 with 1. dimensions of N. Water St, Crescent and Pine for follow up discussions regarding bike lanes on south and east sides of property, 2. lane width requirement for tunnel entrance, 3. consideration of bike lane between West Ave curb and ped sidewalk.**

2. Stroffolino Bridge

Mike Mushak measured width as 52 feet. A motion passed to recommend that DOT permit DPW to restripe the bridge with four 10 foot motor vehicle lanes and 2 six foot bike lanes. **Jud Aley with forward this information to Bob Duff, DOT and Stantec.**

3. Merritt Parkway Trail

Nancy Rosett summarized status of MPT and requested statement of support for construction of MPT by our task force. The motion passed unanimously. **She will report this statement of support to MPT.**

4. Yale Master of Public Health Students

Tim Callahan requested ideas for Yale student projects. Among the suggestions were coordinating CT town bike-walk working groups to get a voice with DOT at state level; educating Norwalkers about health benefits of active transport; educating bikers on proper riding; promoting walking or biking to school. **Tim Callahan will discuss the possibilities with the Yale students.**