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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee minutes 7:30 AM, Wednesday September 8, 2021

MEMBERS

Debin Bruce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maggie Chan (DPW)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael DiPasquale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wayne Feiden (Plan)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Boudreau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Lowenthal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7:40 AM
Nick Horton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7:35 AM	Brett Constantine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

1. Approve June 23, 2021 minutes, upon motion by Michael DiPasquale and second by Eric Boudreau, by unanimous roll call vote (6-0)
2. Public Comment- Elena Huisman expressed concern about the risk of cars driving on the bicycle path. Zach Bergeron said that he was working on a bicycle and pedestrian plan for Main Street for Everyone. Lilly Lombard Main Street for Everyone’s site visit with the Disabilities Committee looking at buffer zones from bicycle lanes, street trees, and parking. Kristen Sykes added the need for signage to serve those with disabilities. Jess Slavin mentioned limitations with bicycle sharrows.
3. Representative to the Transportation and Parking Commission- The committee discussed the need to have a representative to pass on subcommittee comments.
4. Updates on projects previously discussed and moving along
 - A. Picture Main Street- The subcommittee discussed the upcoming forums and public engagement
 - B. Shared paths feasibility proposals- There were no final comments on the proposals
 - C. Complete streets plan- Feiden reported that the city received a grant to update this plan and will be seeking committee input as it advances
 - D. Florence Center streetscape improvements, Pleasant Street complete streets, Leonard Street safety improvements- the city opened bids and has awarded the contracts for all three of these projects.
5. On-going review of complete streets policy/ordinance- there was discussion on rural areas (the areas where sidewalks are not needed) not being defined and potentially including suburban areas that should have sidewalks and how DPW uses the policy and the tradeoffs between the width of streets, tree belts, and sidewalks. No other comments.
6. Next meeting dates-tentatively October 13, 2021
7. Adjourn at 8:50 AM.

