

Hamilton Pedestrian Safety Committee

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

4:15pm

Madison Lane Community Meeting Room

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Jennifer Brice, Chair; Suzanne Collins, Trustee Liaison; Susan Marafino; Ferdinand von Muench, Perma Marriott; Shaun Richard.

Call to Order: Member von Muench called meeting to order at 4:20pm.

Approval of minutes from June 2010: A motion was made by Member Marafino to approve the June 2010 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Member von Muench and carried.

Broad Street Curb Cuts / Kinney Crossing: Trustee Collins spoke to Sean Graham to get the Broad Street / Kinney Crossing projects moving. Any suggestions that the Pedestrian Safety Committee has for future curb cuts will not get done this budget year, but will be put on the list for next summer. Trustee Collins will express the gratitude of the committee to Sean Graham for his timely response to this issue.

Mid York Weekly: Member von Muench suggested we ask the mayor if there is a possibility of running a "Hamilton Committee" section in the Mid York Weekly. Committee's could list its members and contact information and also give brief updates on the projects they are working on. Trustee Collins volunteered to bring this up at the next board meeting to get their feedback. The committee also brought up the suggestion of adding something similar to the Maroon News to target Colgate student and welcome their feedback.

Sidewalk Initiative: The committee has taken notice that home owners who are not on the sidewalk repairs list have continued to use the repair funds to fix their sidewalks. There has also been 6 out of 12 home owners on the 2009-10 repairs list that have fixed their damaged sidewalks. One homeowner wrote a letter saying they are unable to do it this year, but was aware of the issue. Trustee Collins will communicate with Randy Weaver for a new list of homeowners in which letters will be sent to in the spring. It was suggested that the committee invite Postmaster Sullivan to a future meeting to discuss sidewalks and issues that mail carriers may have around town.

5-Way Intersection: Member Marafino showed the group (3) proposals from DOT, but Trustee Collins mentioned that these proposals are no longer on the table as options. The Board of Trustees are scheduled to meet soon to review the most recent proposal. Trustee Collins agreed to keep this committee updated as the process move forward.

Safe Routes to School: Member von Muench invited a community member to the meeting regarding the Safe Routes to School project, he did not attend the meeting. Trustee Collins noted that an engineer needs to approve the Safe Routes to School project, but does not need to be present during the actual implementation of the work. However, the project does need to meet DOT specs and ADA requirements because of driveways. Trustee Collins also noted that Sean Graham mentioned that each resident on Lebanon Street, from Kendrick to College, will need to receive a letter stating they need to move their plants/trees and fencing. The Pedestrian Safety Committee will have to prepare a letter for the property owners inviting them to a public meeting and sign a waiver giving access to their property. If one home owner does not sign, it will slow down the process considerably. Project is slated to start in June 2011.

Member Marafino recently saw a young child crossing the street in a dangerous situation. It suggested that the Hamilton Police Department send an officer into the schools to present to children on the proper ways to cross streets and inform them how to use the sidewalks and cross walks. It was noted that these kids might not have seen the last presentation that Hamilton Police did because more kids are walking to school than in past years. Member von Muench agreed to contact Diane Bowers to bring the issue to her attention.

Pedestrian/Bike Trails: Chair Brice has sent an email to Mr. Harris, but has not heard back from him about the issue. He was invited to a town board meeting, but there was no update if he attended the meeting.

Other Business: Member von Muench brought up the issue that there is no “walk / don’t walk” signs on the corner of Kendrick and Broad Street. Pedestrians have to look up at the light and take their eyes off of the cars who are also looking at the light. Trustee Collins mentioned this must go to DOT and they would need to come in to give feedback. Member Richard noted that College and Broad Street is the same situation. Chair Brice suggested we get Joanne Borfritz on board from Colgate so its coming from both the Pedestrian Safety Committee and Colgate.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at the Madison Lane Community Room.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the committee, Member von Muench made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Marafino and carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.