

**Hamilton Pedestrian Safety Committee**  
**Tuesday, September 20, 2011**  
**4:15p.m.**  
**Village Library**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Present:** Chair Jennifer Brice; Members: Dan Rains, Carol Bergen, and Susan Marafino; Trustee Anne Clauss.

**Public Present:** Georgia Frank (scribe); Susan Barrett; Julie Dudrick and Keith Watkins

**Call to Order:** Chairman Brice called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved as written.

**Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 16, 2011:** A **motion** was made by Member Rains to approve the **August 16, 2011**, minutes as presented. The **motion** was seconded by Member Bergen and carried.

**Bike Trails:** Julie Dudrick and Keith Watkins spoke about an initiative in the Upstate Institute at Colgate to improve cyclist-friendly routes. Modeled on a current program in Portland Oregon, this project plans to install GPSs on bike helmets in order to track preferred routes and traffic patterns. The survey design will take into account data, state regulations on pavement width, and studies of cyclist-friendly initiatives. The aim is to propose spaces where bike paths and signage may improve safety for cyclists and promote healthier and greener routes. Cyclists on sidewalks is a serious concern. Julie and Keith met with Village Administrator Sean Graham and will forward additional information about whether small children are permitted to cycle on sidewalks and ways to improve safety for pedestrians. Members also lauded former HCS elementary principal Kevin Ellis's walking and bike safety campaign at HCS (as assembly and part of wellness days). Julie also mentioned an October 19, 2011, deadline for a mini grant from "Safe Routes to School." (Mini-grants do not cover infrastructure, but could underwrite education campaigns). J. Dudrick and K. Watkins departed after this item.

**Bicycle Racks:** Trustee Cooper sent an update via email to Chairman Brice. She read that a bike rack has been placed at the north end of the north Green on a trial basis. Trustee Cooper is currently investigating the possibility of installing a bike rack by Hamilton Whole Foods.

**Curb Cuts:** Trustee Cooper mentioned two new curb cuts at the northwest corner of the park. Mrs. Hartshorne has requested a curb cut at the south end of the north Green. She finds it difficult to maneuver with her walker.

**5-Way Intersection:** Member Marafino, our liaison to this task force, reported that the proposal to install diagonal cross-walk at the 5-Way Intersection had been vetoed last year. At their August meeting, the task force voted to defer implementing split-phasing of the traffic lights (12B north/south). At their September meeting, a narrow majority of the task force voted to

oppose narrowing of Lebanon Street and widening sidewalks.

**Mid-York Weekly and Radio Free Hamilton:** a letter to the editor updating the wider community about our work has been submitted and will appear in a forthcoming issue of the MYW.

Next meeting will be **October 18, 2011, at 4:15pm**, at the Library. To be taken up: 1) What PedSafe Committee can do to encourage a study that will improve pedestrian safety and to prevent good initiatives from stalling, 2) Safe Routes, 3) Complaint about Lebanon Street sidewalk.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Member Bergen made a **motion** to adjourn. The **motion** was seconded by Member Rains and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Submitted by,

Georgia Frank