

Providence Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission

MINUTES

September 16, 2013, 4:30 PM

Members Present: Chair Eric Weis, Jef Nickerson, Matthew Moritz, Jenn Steinfeld

Staff: David Everett

1. Bike Providence Plan progress – Bill DeSantis:

- **Paving Program: 3-year program now 2-year program based on favorable contracts.**
- **Henderson Bridge detour route: to be revised from current “experienced bicyclists only” and criteria is in place to address similar situations in future.**
- **Short-term improvements: Input from James Kennedy about making high stress (“red”) roads less stressful. Bill answered that many small, incremental changes such as curb moving are very expensive and controversial and can take years.**
- **Implementation: discussion – not really BPAC role but coordination will be essential; plan is a framework for action.**
- **Education discussion: City schools could play a role.**
- **Encouragement discussion.**
- **Enforcement discussion: active enforcement needed.**
- **Need to upgrade traffic signals and their sensitivity to bicycles.**
- **Discussion re issues at S. Main/Wickenden/Point streets.**

2. Parking Day – James Kennedy:

- **Overview of 2013 event, participants and guided tour.**

3. Arthur Eddy, Birchwood Design

- **Concept plan described (technical difficulties prevented planned presentation) for Olneyville/Promenade/Kinsley to reduce impervious surface, introduce rain gardens and pervious strips, add bike facilities.**

Adjournment: 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by David Everett