

2017 03 16 BPAC Committee Minutes

Carrie Allen, Maureen Noonan, Mark Koschwitz, Paul Egan, Ginny Simmons, Debbie Lundgren present.

Meeting called to order by Debbie Lundgren at 7:36 pm.

Old Business:

- **Review of minutes:** Paul moved to approve minutes from February meeting; Ginny seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- **Indian River Bridge:** Charles Brown (design engineer) has completed the final design plan for the bridge. We're awaiting Pete Neff's approval of the plans before making the final payment of \$500 to Charles.
- **Bike/Ped Sidewalk Issue:** Debbie has extended an open invitation to Cindy Stevens, and any other Main Street business owners whom she can bring along, to come to a BPAC meeting to discuss how to address concerns about bikes on sidewalks in the downtown business district. Cindy will let us know if she can attend the April meeting.
- **Rt 81 Corridor Study:** Debbie emailed Nate Hougrand at RiverCOG, requesting that a BPAC member be seated on the Study Advisory Committee. We haven't gotten a response yet, so Debbie will follow up on that.
- **Clinton Greenway:** Carrie's presentation to the BOS has been rescheduled for the March 22 evening meeting, after the March 15th meeting was canceled. On March 13, Carrie and Debbie met with Police Chief DeMaio, Phil Sengle from the Police Commission, and Bill Greim, president of the Harborview Association, to discuss the proposed route of the Clinton Greenway through Harborview along Hammocks Parkway. Bill Greim expressed the concerns of the association, foremost being a concern for the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians, given the traffic congestion along their roads. Chief DeMaio offered to do a traffic study of the neighborhood in the summer to determine what issues need to be addressed. BPAC then attended the Police Commission meeting to ask for the commission's help in asking the CTDOT how to address safety concerns along Rt 1 in front of MacDonald's and Job Lot. Given the concerns of the Harborview Association and the presence of a private land parcel along the shoreline between town beach property and West Road, Carrie will only request permission to move forward with Greenway plans from the Madison border to the Clinton Town Beach at the BOS meeting. Details of the remainder of the trail will need to be worked out.

New Business:

- **Possible Eagle Scout Projects:** Melissa Baker, the mother of a local boy scout, has said that her son is interested in working on the Indian River Bridge project or the Clinton Greenway for his Eagle Scout project. Some possible projects that we came up with were a plaque dedicated to anyone who donates land or an easement to the Greenway project; a bike maintenance station or a bike rack at the Town Beach or Town Marina, beautification of the area around the proposed route behind the Main Street businesses (along the back of the parking lot and along the river bank), and improvement of trails along the beach. Debbie will meet with Melissa to discuss these possibilities and then try to schedule a meeting with Pete Neff to see what might be feasible.

Carrie moved to adjourn; Mark seconded; motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Debbie Lundgren