

Chester County Cycling Coalition

Minutes, May 16, 2011

11 people in attendance: Ellen Zadoff, Mike Broennle, Gary Bianchini, Michelle Hellstern, Daniel Wanger, Randy Waltermeyer, Fred Rothman, Rollie Boyle, Tom Verderame, Ray McGlew, Stephen Bertolini,

National Bike Week Activities

Mike Broennle reviewed TMACC's Bike to Work Week opening event on the Chester Valley Trail that morning. Breakfast was served, Carol Aichele attended and Michael Herrin, head of TMACC participated on his Townie.

We discussed briefly working to engage corporations in Bike to Work planning in 2012. Mike Broennle suggested following the League of American Bicyclists template for Bike Friendly Businesses. He agreed to pull together a presentation and send it out in advance of our next meeting.

Ellen Zadoff said she would like to form a Bike Month committee for 2012.

CCCC Organization

Fred Rothman and Ellen Zadoff met with George Fasic, former Director of the Chester County Planning Commission to discuss organization of CCCC. George thought the group's representation should be organized by Borough rather than township or school district. (Phoenixville, Downingtown, Malvern, Kennett, West Chester). Fred thought Coatesville should be included due to plans to build a velodrome which should increase support for cycling advocacy programs.

George agreed to work with us to establish contacts in key areas of Chester County but said that we must first

- Develop a Mission Statement – Ellen Zadoff to send a draft to the group for discussion via email
- Identify who the key members of CCCC are and what their background and areas of expertise are – Ray McGlew to create questionnaire and send out to members
- Develop a 2-year Plan – Ellen Zadoff to develop plan and send out in advance of our next meeting.

He also thought we should focus on fundraising as opportunities could arise where townships and perhaps even PennDot might be willing to invest in bike facilities (lanes/markings) if we offered to match dollar for dollar.

In dealing with the townships, George told us it was better to focus on one issue at a time rather than tackle "all things cycling" in one email or meeting. Start by contacting town supervisors and asking them who we should speak to about cycling issues. We should focus on bikes as transportation not recreation.

Project Updates and Focus

TMACC received a transportation grant to enhance Rte. 29. Might be designated a greenway. They'll be working with Natasha Manbeck.

Mike Broennle reported that there are no trail markings for the Uwchland Trail and would like to change that. Rollie Boyle said that he lives in Upper Uwchland and will scout around to see if he could get support for that idea.

We discussed the fact that there are too few of us to cover all the issues throughout the County. Ellen Zadoff suggested getting input from Bike Club members to find out which areas are the most heavily trafficked. Randy Waltermeyer said that the County had already designated Priority Transportation Routes and Priority Recreation Routes. Ellen will meet with Randy and Natasha to review the routes and come up ranking of areas by activity so that the group can focus efforts.

Randy handed out PennDot's Oil and Chip schedule. He asked that bike clubs send any issues they have with it to me (Ellen Z) and then I'll forward all them to Randy.

Bike Friendly West Chester

Tom Verderame and Fred Rothman reviewed the Bike Map they worked on with Ray Ott. Next steps are

- Organize a ride with Ray through the route and notate problem areas
- Meet with Chief Bohn for input
- Determine what types of facilities (markings) are required for each road. Our plan is to publish the map perhaps in conjunction with the Chamber and include bike parking and local businesses. We noted that many roads wouldn't be marked at all (just rely on the map as a suggested route). We also discussed the probability of wanting bike lanes on Route 3 and Paoli Pike. In that case we would recommend that the lanes be added but leave it to the County to include it in the CCC Bike Plan.

Tom met with Ernie McNeely to talk about zoning requirements and issues associated with installing Bike Racks. Property owners own the sideway as well as the building and so in addition to ensuring that the racks comply with Borough Codes, we have to get property owners permission. Next steps are to identify who property owners are in areas where bike racks should be installed.

Next Meeting (note next meeting has been moved to the 4th Monday of the month)

Monday July 25th, 7:00 pm (6:30 pizza rsvp Ellen ezadofea@gmail.com)
601 Westtown Road Room 149