



**Holyoke Biking & Pedestrian Committee Meeting
October 3, 2022 Minutes**

Attendance: Kristen Sykes, Chair

Price Armstrong, Ileana Carrion (OPED staff), Christine Berge (Secretary), Stephanie Colon (MIM), Elena Langdon, Ed Baez, Liz O'Dare

Public Participation: David- on Zoom

1. Call to order: At 6:02 PM, Price made a motion to call the meeting to order. Ed seconded. The motion carried.
2. Review of August 29, 2022 Minutes: Price made a motion to accept the minutes with one spelling correction. Ed seconded. Roll call followed:
Kristen yea; Price yea; Ileana yea; Christine yea; Elena yea; Ed yea; Liz yea;
The motion carried.
3. Public Participation: David attended the meeting virtually.
4. DPW: Price mentioned that no one was there to update us on the re-paving of High Street. Ileana commented that Dawn would now be attending the meetings on behalf of DPW. Price commented that he had received numerous phone calls about the striping, and Ed mentioned that they could have waited to re-pave because it will all have to be re-done after the winter weather sets in. Kristen wondered if we could get any update about Complete Streets.
5. Events: **a. Joining other events**- BikePed is participating in the DoorsOpen Holyoke event on October 15, with a VallyBike tour of the Holyoke murals. Also, Chris was empowered by Price to create a BikePed brochure quickly for the event to increase its visibility. Price reminded us of the 2-yearly BikePed events, the Bike Breakfast, and the Holiday Solstice Walk. Suggestions were made such as a Bike Ride with the Mayor, or participating in MassBike's "Light Brigade". It was also discussed that we look at tabling with Valley Bike as they participate in several events in Holyoke including the St. Patrick's Day parade.
6. ValleyBike: Ileana informed us there were no new updates about the bike vandalism, but it has decreased. Ileana spoke about the Grants being looked into, such as the "America Walks Community Change" Grant.
7. Old Business: **Bike Racks**- Ileana informed us that the RFP was extended because only 1-proposal was submitted. That RFP was submitted by Chris, and she asked Ileana what the status of her proposal was. Ileana said Chris did not need to re-submit her proposal.
New Member- Liz O'Dare was introduced to the group, with everyone welcoming her. She talked about the Health Center where she works partnering with organizations for health and wellness and incorporating BikePed.
8. New Business:
a. Website- Ileana informed us there were no new updates, but if members have any changes they can reach out to Marie in Planning.
b. New Member- Liz was introduced earlier under Old Business
c. Map- Discussion was tabled until Shannon is back.
d. Goals- Tabled until a further meeting.
e. Inviting Council Members to Meeting- Kristen mentioned she would reach out to Councilor Givner, who has a number of safety initiatives that she might want to present in 2023. Elena suggested she may attend City Council meetings as a member of the public.
f. Walking Schoolbus- Tabled until Lucy can attend a meeting again.
g. MIM update- Ileana mentioned there would be an MIM table at the DoorsOpen Holyoke event.
h. Bicycle-Friendly Application- Kristen suggested making a Google folder for all of us to contribute to. Applications are due February 15, 2023.
i. Brochures- Talked about earlier.
9. Next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2022.
10. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Price. Ed seconded. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.