



**Holyoke Biking & Pedestrian Committee Meeting  
December 5, 2022 Minutes**

Attendance: Shannon Bliven, Chair

Ileana Carrion (OPED staff) (Zoom), Christine Berge (Secretary), Stephanie Colon (MIM), Elena Langdon, Price Armstrong (Zoom), Liz O'Dare (Zoom) Dawn Nims-Civil Engineer (Zoom), Ed Baez

Public Participation: No public participation

1. Call to order: At 6:03 PM, Shannon made a motion to call the meeting to order.
2. Review of November 7, 2022 Minutes: Shannon made a motion to accept the minutes. Ed seconded the motion.  
Roll call followed:  
Price yea; Shannon yea; Chris yea; Liz yea; Ed yea Elena yea. The motion carried.
3. Public Participation: No public attended.
4. DPW: Dawn gave a very comprehensive update on Complete Streets. She spoke about many projects being worked on such as the intersection at Beech & Resnick, High & Maple Streets, Appleton & Bigelow, Homestead Avenue, Apremont and the Center City Connector. Also DPW is working on a pavement list for the Chapter 90 initiative, the Shared Streets Grant and the CDB Grant. She spoke about raised sidewalks, raised crosswalks, and street improvements on Race Street. Shannon asked if it was possible to get a list of the sidewalks being raised. Price mentioned that the work done on High & Maple has been a disappointment so far. The goals were mentioned as slowing traffic, adding bike lanes and making the streets more pedestrian-friendly. An Engineering firm has been assigned and the DOT has taken the design over. Dawn also spoke about the Bay State Roads Workshop coming up in February, March and April.
5. Events: An update was given on The World Day of Remembrance. BikePed was invited and able to honor all of the lives lost due to traffic fatalities in Hampden County. Shannon spoke about how well the event was conducted, with the Mayor making a proclamation on the library steps. Liz mentioned that 45-pairs of shoes to represent each person killed were displayed and how impressive the event was.
6. ValleyBike: Stephanie spoke of ValleyBike closing up for the winter. It will open again in April or May, and discussion followed with many members saying this is a hardship for community riders that rely on the program. Stephanie pointed out that ValleyBike has funding problems now and is cutting staff. She mentioned that she and Ileana made the point about the inconvenience of it closing until April or May at the last meeting, but they will not be changing their policy. They have another meeting scheduled with ValleyBike on December 13 and will mention it again.
7. Old Business:
  - a. *Bike Racks*- Motion made to table this item by Elena. Seconded by Liz. Roll call followed: Price yea; Shannon yea; Chris yea; Liz yea; Ed yea; Elena yea.
  - b. *New Member*- Tabled with no objections.
  - c. *Brochure*- Chris spoke about the brochure being created once the sub-committee had worked on a BikePed logo, and she presented stationary and business cards to the committee with the new BikePed logo. It was well-received by all, and discussion followed about an e-mail address. Shannon suggested that she would e-mail Aaron and ask what our e-mail address should be; the debate was whether or not BikePed should have OPED's or MIM's e-mail address.
  - d. *Election of officers*- Price made a motion to re-elect Shannon as Chair, and Kristen as Vice-Chair. Elena seconded the motion. Roll call followed: Price yea; Shannon yea; Chris yea; Liz yea; Ed yea; Elena yea.  
Shannon made a motion to re-elect Chris as secretary. Roll call followed: Price yea; Shannon yea; Chris yea; Liz yea; Ed yea; Elena yea.
  - e. *Map*- Earlier Shannon had mentioned the importance of maps for the Complete Streets, and had asked Ileana if Planning could help with this.
  - f. *Bike-Friendly application*- Tabled until January meeting, and when Kristen can attend.
8. New Business Continued:
  - a. *Website*- Shannon mentioned there was nothing left to do right now, because Minutes and Agendas are posted and the recordings were removed.
  - b. *Other*- A debate about the time of meetings was tabled.
8. Next meeting is scheduled as a Virtual meeting on January 9, 2023.
9. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Price. Elena seconded. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.