

**Safe Routes to School Implementation Committee
MINUTES
Monday April 11th, 2016**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Amy Rickard
Ashe Rivera Soltero
Chuck Edwards
Eric Allman, Chair
Jillian LaSerna
Jonah Perrin, Vice Chair
Jonathan Norris
Kurt Stolka
Nathan Barta
Suzanna Dupree'

BOARD LIAISON

Damon Seils, Board of Aldermen
Joal Broun, CHCS School Board

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED

Tiffany Cheshire
Curtis Kinnaman

1. Call to Order

Moon called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm, offered a few opening remarks and asked everyone to go around the room and introduce themselves. Moon also outlined the meeting agenda, to the discuss the Safe Routes to School Program (and encouraged everyone to watch Jeff Brubaker's presentation on the program), the purpose of the SRTS Action Committee and to begin to prepare for the upcoming walk to school day and future activities, and finally to elect a chair and vice chair to work with staff to guide the committee.

2. Introductions

Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves. Curtis Kinnaman emailed his apologies for missing the meeting due to another commitment.

3. Committee overview

Moon asked the SRTS committee to share some of what they know about the safe routes to school program. Allman suggested that it offered an opportunity for the committee to help steer the Board of Aldermen, transportation departments and public schools to improve infrastructure and programing. Stolka added his hope that the Town could implement a lot of the recommendations in the action plan.

Moon asked if Chuck Edwards could offer any input from his perspective as a NCDOT Engineer. Edwards described what he considered as his role to help inform the group on NCDOT programs and project constructability. Edwards noted that much of the work described in the action plan is finished or underway. There was interest in going through the action plan and providing a status report on what had been accomplished, noting that after finishing the update, the next step would likely be trying to identify the next items for implementation

4. Meeting schedule & elections

After a brief discussion regarding the role and duties of the officers, Eric Allman volunteered to serve as chair for the new committee and was quickly seconded by Rickard. Allman nominated Jonah Perrin to serve as vice chair. Both members accepted their nomination and Broun motioned to close the nomination. No objections were heard both candidates were approved by acclamation. Allman took over running the meeting at this time.

Allman began reviewing the meeting schedule. Moon noted that the ordinance requires a minimum of three meetings per year, leaving at least two meetings for the remainder of the year. After discussion the group agreed that a second meeting in June would help set the stage for activities during the upcoming school year and requested a Doodle poll to determine the specific day, sometime around mid-June.

5. Walk and Bike to School Day

The group discussed the Walk and Bike to School Day on Wednesday May 4th. The event occurs twice a year with an emphasis on walking to school in May and biking to school in October. Allman mentioned Jennifer Delcourt, the Active Routes to School Coordinator for Region 5, as a good resource. Topics included getting the National SRTS surveys, in electronic and paper versions (including some paper versions in Spanish), distributing informational handouts, counting participants at the different schools.

6. Other business/staff report

The group brainstormed on activities and programs that could encourage more young people to bike and walk to school. Topics included:

- promoting car free Fridays, particularly for Carrboro Elementary
- pursuing partnerships with the Seymour Center to help lead walking school buses
- linking high school students seeking volunteer service hours to help with walking school buses
- bike rodeos and bike education programs
- concerns with crime—bicycles and bike lights being stolen
- bike lock and bike light giveaways—Cyclelicious giveaways
- using UNC's <http://www.pedbikeinfo.org/> and NCDOT's programs to give bicycle informational materials to parents, "Let's Go NC" <http://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/safetyeducation/letsگونc/>
- continuing to pursue Carrboro's path for Gold status as a bicycle friendly city

- identifying potential infrastructure needs, such as crosswalks in key locations
- studying existing “goat paths” and using them to identify locations for new infrastructure
- considering lighting needs along existing bike paths such as Libba Cotton and Francis Shetley
- considering outreach on how to walk, bike, in roundabouts
- supplementing drivers education with how to drive near bicyclists, and
- considering the creation of a Google document to share information.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:35.