

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 1/13/10, 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Steve Kurland, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Mike Rademacher, Corey Rateau, Laura Wiener

Visitors Present: None

1. Public Comments. None.
2. Administration.
Minutes of 12/9/09 were approved unanimously.
Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
3. Bus Shelter Update. Following discussions with Town Attorney, Planning Dept. has decided that a zoning change is not needed in order to allow bus shelters with ads. The MBTA is exempt from local zoning, which would allow free-standing ads on their bus shelters. Laura and Jean will look at locations with enough bus boardings to qualify for a shelter, to look at the sites and measure sidewalk width (9' minimum is needed). Planning Department will pursue this with Selectmen.
4. New State Program requesting proposals. The State DOT has combined some older state programs into a program called "Clean Air and Mobility". Looking for projects that encourage non-vehicle mobility. Roughly \$2 million available for Boston area. To be discussed more extensively at February meeting. Laura will send info to Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee.
5. Safe Routes to Schools. Mike met with the consultant from TEC for Dallin improvements, and found out that the Town will be responsible for obtaining any necessary easements from property owners abutting the project. Mike is preparing language for Town Meeting. Mike will share current TEC plans with TAC. Town Counsel will be sending a letter to the abutter on Rhinecliff.
6. Schools.
 - a. Brackett. John met with the Safe Routes Coordinator to map out various student routes to school. They are also developing a list of corners for snow clearance.
 - b. Corey mentioned that he will be sending a letter to the School Committee discussing the potential for moving a crosswalk on Pheasant Street at Stratton.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm, to reconvene at the Masonic Temple for a social gathering.

Handouts:

Ed's Meeting Package: 1) Agenda 1/13/10; 2) Email from Erik Beck to Ed Starr Re. Parking at Stratton Elementary School, dated December 9, 2009; 3) Email from Crispin Olson to Diane Mahon Re. Crosswalk Painting Redux, dated December 29, 2009; 4) Memo from Marie Krepelka to Ed Starr Re. Request for Crosswalk @ Summer St. and Brookdale Road, dated December 29, 2009; 5) Memo from Marie Krepelka to Ed Starr Re. Request for Crosswalk @ Lahey Clinic, Broadway, dated December 29, 2009; 6) Memo from Marie Krepelka to Ed Starr Re. Request for Crosswalk @ Chestnut Street, dated December 29, 2009; 7) Memo from Marie Krepelka to Ed Starr Re. Winslow Towers, dated December 29, 2009; 8) Memo from Marie Krepelka to Ed Starr re. Mugar Site Development Traffic Safety Concerns, dated December 30, 2009; 9) Letter from David Stoff to Board of Selectmen dated November 17, 2009; 10) Letter from Marie Krepelka to Frederick Ryan and Ed Starr Re. Request: 4 Way Stop Signs @ Intersection of Oakland Avenue and Renfrew Street, dated December 30, 2009; 11) Email from Gianni Taraschi to Marie Krepelka Re. Traffic Sign Request, dated 12/08/09; 12) Memo from Marie Krepelka to Ed Starr, Re. Change of Parking Regulations on North Union and Everett Streets, dated December 30, 2009; 13) Email from Meg Moloney to Jack Hurd dated November 15, 2009; 14) Letter from East Arlington Livable Streets Coalition to Patricia Leavenworth, District Highway Director, Re. Mass. Ave. Corridor Project in East Arlington, dated January 5, 2010. 15) Letter from Gail McCormick, Sustainable Arlington, and Philip Goff, East Arlington Livable Streets Coalition to Carol Kowalski, dated January 6, 2010;

Article from the Boston Globe, "Free parking good for the short term, but costs down the road".

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