

# Meeting notes for the South Coast Bikeway Alliance

## February 20, 2018

Meeting called to order 6:12pm

### In Attendance

Greg Barnes, Bob Espindola Bonne DeSousa, Keith McDonald, Gail Roderigues, Sandy Medeiros, Mary Ellen Boyle, Paul Pawlowski, Hank Riley

### Standing Items

**Approval Treasurer Report-** Greg Barnes, Debit card, summit Fort Tabor \$200 rental community center , Bob Asked for payment for Porta-John \$75.00 Greg is fiscally fine going into the Summit.

Bob not official report and Greg will follow up with an official in email, and attached in the minutes

**Approval of Minutes from Previous meeting** Hank sent correction Name Riley , change next (spring) delete about to less than (20) cost of tech services . Steward Hospital. After to these changes there was a Motion to approve by Bonne Sandy seconds it. The vote was carried, none opposed.

### For Discussion

#### Organizational Review by Mary Ellen- Communication challenges

**Identified-** To whom do they go to? How do we deal with the Volume?

**Emails-** over loaded, Greg directs the word bike and this helps, Hank says not enough emails and the core group changes. Subject line does not reflect content. Change subject heading. Thinking of the organizations partners not to overwhelming them. I. E. YMCA, City of NB planning, including who needs to include new people. Pruning the recipients of the email group.

**Maps-** getting it consistent same message same in all towns, google drive, Paul, each town does the maps differently. Add detail guidance for towns used to be SRPEDD.

**Meetings-** Bonne domination of meetings, timely effort to conclude in 1 –2 hours not over

### Communication

What are potential solutions?

#### *Emails*

It you get an assignment just reply back to the person assigning it. Greg does groups for i.e. Fin Com, Westport Comm. Steering group etc. That helps organize his emails. Greg suggests we all set up groups.

USE the SUBJECT line i.e. quick question, I need to respond, etc .

**Forums**-Keith said make a structure so who ever in needed to know is not buried by 50 emails, Gail remembered, Freddie Estremara list serve as an old effort, Hank suggest Yahoo he created. SCBO Office, a pyramid structure as it lends itself for doc maps.

Hank Yahoo Groups pitch– Groups subcommittee not deleted documents uploaded documents, upload agenda and minutes. Jackie Jones said the Google group password was lost. Hank wants to set up a few participants that can learn how to sign up. Project test how it works as a document container.

**How the Agenda and other communications are handled** -i.e. Bonne is in need of a backup plan- plan B or under study. Greg suggested putting up a calendar of meetings ahead of time 6 months ahead for time and stick to the third Tuesday of the month. People can click on website SCBA set up a reminder. Sandy stated that meetings are posted on the google calendar and meeting agendas and notes are posted as they are made available.

Post Meeting and Agenda on SCBA website and constant contact the distribution of people. Use Trello- a project management software or Yahoo groups can be accessed with existing email said Bonne. Also suggested was to set up sub-groups and have the Steering Committee will have write over access and membership has read only.

**Structure – reaching out to the membership**- Bob will be the primary rep, We need a secondary rep per community and they can help with distribution how do we get the formal group.

### **Sustainability**

In the interest of time we felt we should move on to next topic.

### **Fall River Alfred Lima bike path situation**

We will be supporting the March 25 Pancake breakfast. All are suggested to go and help in the effort.

Helping out the Bike Group with producing a power point suggest Hank.

Bonne talked to Bill Strauss and Wareham Board of Selectman Alan Slavin about how do we SCBA align with the Fall River Bike effort.

We agreed that we should have local group sell the story. FR Bike group is looking into legal advice what they can do.

Mary-Ellen asked what if Fall River situation comes up in the Q and A at the summit? How we handle that? An appropriate question can be ...Where are you in preserving about bike path if they are already built? The consensus was that home rule issues trumps and the SCBA do not want to get involved in local issues and will continue

focusing on building of connections and we advocate with projects to get the money from the MassDOT.

Hanks stated that NB Wheelman is involved. But the Steering Committee said that the NBW is a different organization than ours. It was brought up ... What would the SCBA do and what do we lose or gain by advocate the Fall River issue?

Mary Ellen asked the question "What does Fall River want from SCBA?" We concluded to spread the word about the legal defense fund and we (would have Sandy circulate the flyers of the pancake fundraiser and effort.) It was noted that the SCBA made a statement on the issue on the Year end review that was circulated in an email blast.

We concurred we need to find a way to resonate a positive organization beyond the legal and political issue.

It was brought up we should have a meeting with the Fall River Bike group, we would state- this is what we do and want to do how can we you help you in this constraints? Bonne suggests we can help build a Fall River go fund me site for their legal defense effort.

We will be inviting the Fall River Bike group to have a table at the summit to promote the pancake breakfast March 25 at Applebees restaurant in Fall River.

**Summit Organization** is being handled Bob, Bonne and Sandy and Gail. Need 2 people to set up tables and organize at 4:30 Paul, Sandy, Bob and Gail volunteered. The Summit Key note speaker is a commuter and taking a bus at 9:00 pm on Thursday. We will have an after party TBA at a local restaurant but will keep his travel plans in mind.

## **Old Business**

### **DCR Trail Building**

1. Wet lands Structures - Bonne no updates. Keith reported for a meeting with Ross Moran of the Westport Land Trust is already in conversations with Erin from Jensen and the permits are in place. Greg states we are going to build up goodwill with Westport Land trust and recommends to follow up and Bob is in agreement and figure out the scope and come back to Bob and get back to the state DCR to get approve. Bonne suggest the core group to discuss the next steps.

2. GPS Sections Hank will work on the REI -GPS supplied Units and Bob will work with Hank and Amada Lewis for DCR Oct 2018 workshop.

3. UMass Dartmouth and Paul submitted the DCR grant and asked Jamie to send out the proposal to the steering committee.

**Regional Bike share** – Bonne updated and sent out the information in an email.

Light Brigade Mass Bike - Sandy wants to give away 75 by the end of the month. Jen from NB planners office can be a resource for the bicycle commuters that work at the fish markets earlier than the public transportation runs.

### **Scenic greenway**

New Bedford will meet Feb 27<sup>th</sup> for CPC funds , Paul reported.

March 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Thursday CPC for CPA funds in rm 315 Sandy will go for Dartmouth Greg secondary issues where does SCBA land in the towns priority . The number of applications was larger than normal Greg Barnes reported. It was suggested to Bob the SCBA Chair for the meeting. Keith nominates Gail to go to the meeting.

Sandy is working on the United Way Community Building Mini Grant. Needs map creators processed by April 13.

Keith and Monica went to the meeting with FR Bike Group and Keith reported. It was suggested that Bill Napolitano be the point person advocating for Fall Rivers. He is on SREPD Open space committee. Bob suggested to reach out to Bill to see if he was ok to be a voice for Fall River. Keith said the Fall River Group is focusing on the Mount Hope bike and rail in Tiverton RI over to Sakonnet River Bridge. Brian Pearson was to get back in touch with Keith about next meeting. Keith told the group that Westport Bike and Ped will take on the crossing rte 6 as a priority..

East Coast greenway is having the New England Bike-Walk Summit in Boston, April 26-27- We all should attend.

SCBA will be tailoring a consistent message and pull back on the communication SRPEDD will help us make maps and links .

### **Progress/ Announcements**

Wednesday March 14 at 2 pm will be a joint transportation planning agenda at the SRPEDD office at 88 Broadway Taunton MA. SCBA will have a 10 minute window to speak. Bonne is looking for help to help tell the group about what is going on in Fall River. Bonne wants help with that agenda. Bob has been assigned. Federal money allocated by SRPEDD for funding opportunities about getting on the TIP projects 5 years in advance.

### **Next Meeting Ideas**

Possible presentation to SRPEDD

Invite Monica Faria to report mass bike workshop

Hank will present the Yahoo presentation for the next meeting

Reach out to Fall River to come to our meeting with returned invitation to attend our meeting.

### **Motion to adjourn**

Bonne made the Motion and Paul seconded it. Meeting adjourns at 8:00 pm

### **Next meeting**

March 20 the next steering meeting