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Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee meeting

7:30 AM to 9:00 AM on Wednesday April 25, 2018

210 Main St., 2nd Floor City Hall, Planning & Sustainability, Northampton (use back door)

MEMBERS

Debin Bruce	Maggie Chan (DPW) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael DiPasquale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wayne Feiden (Plan) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Boudreau <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Lowenthal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
David Paine <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jo-Ella Tarbutton	Ruthy Woodring

1. Public Comment- Richard Abuza spoke recommending that Cracker Barrel Alley remain open to cars and that the Alley-City Hall crosswalk be moved further west. Mike Sullivan shared a petition from the New South Street neighborhood that cars be prevented from riding in the bike lane on New South Street, northbound.
2. Approve March 21, 2018 minutes—Upon motion by Eric Boudreau and second by David Paine, the subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.
3. On-going projects-- updates and discussion
 - A. Main Street redesign request for proposals- The draft RFP is not yet ready.
 - B. City Hall accessibility improvements- Feiden described the project and reported that construction will begin in mid-May. Committee members expressed support for the curb extension at the westerly parking spot in front of City Hall
 - C. Cracker Barrel Alley- Feiden reported on the stakeholders’ meeting and wide diversity of comments received about this project.
 - D. Form based code- The consultant is working on the project and community meetings and stakeholder meetings will soon begin.
 - E. Movable parklet- The city is seeking requests from merchants/tenants to host the parklet this year, but some are concerned about losing parking spots or attracting panhandlers.
4. ValleyBike rollout- The system is due to go live on June 28, 2018. Committee members suggested that there should be unique maps in each community, instead of aiming for a regional map that would have too little detail.
5. Friends of Northampton Trails and Greenways report out and discussion- Eric Boundreau reported on the April 28th North to South Trail Celebration, the May 5th trail cleanup, the July Golden Spike Conference, Valley Bike Week, and a planned night ride.
6. Other business not reasonably anticipated when agenda prepared—committee members requested brief updated on the Damon Road reconstruction project, the Exit 19 roundabout, and the King Street (North to Bike Path) improvements. Feiden gave very brief updates.

Next meeting date—Thursday May 24, 2018 at 7:30 AM

Adjournment at 8:50 AM

