



Meeting Notes

Albany Bicycle Coalition Monthly Zoom Meeting

8/27/20

7:00 PM – via Zoom

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Self-Introductions – All

Reports –

- **Treasurer**

- **Report** (David P.) – Reports sent. We were very gratified at the response from ABC's supporters to our summer membership/donation campaign. We reviewed a number of treasure-related issues. David will take on responsibility for our annual memberships (e.g., NYBC, LAB). We did not make a donation to LaSalle School since we have not used the facility this year.
- **EIN (Employer Identification Number) Posting** (Mark) – EIN is needed by some donors (e.g., trusts). Mark researched the issue thoroughly and will send Rob information for posting in ABC's "ABOUT" section. David will draft a confirmation letter for future use.
- **Transport Troy** (Pam) –Transport Troy meeting held 8/12. Continued focus on converting parts of Broadway and 2nd St. into a "Summer Square." Reviewed plans for tall, movable planters to define seating areas in the Square. Discussion covered logistics, accessibility, grants, and money to pull it all together. The trail map is on track for September debut. Another set of stairs approaching RPI are closed but could be restored to improve pedestrian access – probably as a future project. There was general agreement that Troy would have Collar City Ramble activities similar to previous years and perhaps broadcast them on-line and/or encourage people to post their own "rambles" around Troy. We plan to go ahead with Ingalls Ave. boat launch kayak activities. ABC is invited to participate in the guided bike ride but should contact James Rath for info on that.

Old Business –

- **Donation/Membership Drive** (Mark) – Covered as part of Treasurer report. Margaret will explore adding "DONATE" to our Facebook page with the notation that Facebook will charge for funds collected through it.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee** (John) – Kate Maynard (CDRPC) and Greg Isoldi (2nd Year Graduate at UAlbany) presented the status of the Town of Guilderland Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces Project. Hiking and biking trail amenities topped the category list. The plan proposed connections through Nott Road Park, Roger Keenholts Park, the Pinebush, Tawasentha Park, Watervliet Reservoir, and other parks and historical sites. The plan recommends regional connections to other communities and trails, including to CDTC's core trails plan, and addressed amenities and wayfinding. Full presentation including Open Public Forum summaries/maps is located on CDTC's website. An Open Streets Webinar led by CRPC on 8/27 to discuss introducing dining alongside city streets. CDTC is compiling photographs of examples during the pandemic. CDTC has five proposed studies to expand the Capital Trails (e.g., Zinn Smith, Albany Loop, and Saratoga Beltway). New Visions 2050 will be expedited and approved in September 2020. New Cycle Track construction is underway in Watervliet along Broadway. The next virtual BPAC meeting is Tue, 9/8 at 9:00

AM. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpu-trjMsHdeXYIxzQv8Mw1MBoNnfpmVr> You will receive a confirmation email and information on joining the meeting.

- **MHBHT Roots** (David) – Report. Waiting for DOT FOIL response due 9/11. When DOT documents received, we will map out next steps to (1) confirm maintenance responsibility and (2), if needed, seek funds to finance these repairs.
- **Rides** (Ed) – (8/30, 11 AM Quackenbush Sq.) The Tivoli-Hudson River Patroon Greenway Project ride will explore an on-street route connecting the Hudson River and Tivoli Preserve perhaps with re-exploration from the preserve to Everett Rd. via Tivoli Hollow.
- **Albany Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan** (Ed) ABC letter sent to Albany Common Council. Rob will post on website. Ed will send an introduction to the letter to Rob who will enter as a post.

New Business –

- **CapitalNYBikeMap Enhancements** (Glenn) – Report. All changes made. New website name can go live at any time. Need to finish press release for tentative release near Labor Day. Need to investigate other promotional activities.
- **New Schenectady Routes** – Our online bike map now includes a route through downtown Schenectady to continue on the MHBHT and on the Alco Heritage Trail along the Mohawk River.
- **Duty Roster of WWW-Related Functions** – Lorenz will send final list to staff separately. Ed will monitor Gmail from 8/28-9/24 and report on impact. Rob will post changes to ABOUT and RESOURCES as he is made aware of them.
- **Western Ave. Traffic Calming** (Lorenz) – Letter sent to Mayor Sheehan 7/30 – no response. Our consensus remains firm that Western Ave. Traffic Calming is a natural extension of the Madison Ave. and Guilderland bicycle lanes. We will include Western Ave. bicycle lanes in our comments on the Albany Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan as “priority #1”. Eagle Hills neighborhood association and local Albany Common Council members might be allies. Need to explore other possible advocates.
- **Murals on the Trails** (All) – David and Lorenz will resolve this topic.
- **Intern via ABC Comment Form** – A University at Albany student with a double major in Political Science (concentration in Globalization) and History offered to volunteer with ABC as because “... this organization to be very good for the community.” Lorenz will invite the student to our next meeting.

Meeting Dates – ABC meets the last [not the 4th] Thr of each month unless there is a conflicting holiday. Upcoming dates are as follows: 9/24, 10/29, 11/19 (not 26), and 12/17 (not 24).

Upcoming – Rides/events/issues? (Go here - <https://albanybicyclecoalition.com/resources/events/>)

Zoomees – Mark, Ed, David P., Rob, Pam, Margaret, Glenn, John G., and Lorenz.

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