

## **MEETING NOTES**

### **FAIRHOPE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE COMMITTEE**

Meeting 5/4/2016, 4 pm – 530 pm, Nix Center

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attendants:

Mike Groutt (chairman)  
Chris Riley (vice chairman)  
Katie Bolton  
Jeannie Mccain  
Sietze Slinkman  
Gina Walcott  
Nancy Milford (City of Fairhope)  
James Watkins (guest)

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- Opening
- Introduction round
- Notes from February meeting are approved
- Formal vote on appointing Mike Groutt as chairperson. Mike gets unanimously approved
- Formal vote on appointing Chris Riley as vice chairperson. Chris gets unanimously approved
- Formal vote on appointing Sietze Slinkman as note taker / secretary. Sietze gets unanimously approved
- Formal vote on new meeting day / time. Unanimously approved is the first Tuesday of every month, at 430 pm
  
- Bike to school / work week. The following events are addressed:
  - There will be bike riding at the walking schoolbus on 5/6. Katie and Bunky Bishop will escort, possibly with more children and parents participating. Attention will be drawn to bike inspection and orientation at Pro Cycle and Tri on 5/7. Katie will try to do a count on participation, to document interest
  - May 16 or 17, new bike racks will be installed at Fairhope Elementary and Fairhope Middle. Possible added events are considered, such as safety class.
  
- A brief overview of how ADA issues are to be addressed.
  - Besides the official detailed survey, the committee will do a practical walk-through, to identify issues that will need professional evaluation. A tentative date is set as 6/9, from 8-11 am, starting at Windmill Market. Nancy Milford will accompany the walk-through.
  - Mike will inform Jonathan Smith and Jennifer Fidler.

- The survey group will study the recent AARP guidelines as a possible tool to identify ADA issues
- Jeanie brings up the condition of the multi-use path south of Nelson Drive. She will contact Molly Peterson (Trailblazers) to find out who to contact about improving this.
- For improving bike and walking access to school, Sietze will try to map out routes currently used by parents. Possibly these routes can be sent out by the school, to motivate parents to use bikes and walking to bring children to school
- Mike will contact several city employees and institutions to find out what the options are for a formal web presence of the committee, so the committee can actively inform the community about their actions, achievements, and public events of interest
- Mike will address the current situation of Fairhope Avenue striping. Several members are reporting conflicting information about the use of the current lane striping. The situation as it is now is confusing and dangerous. Mike will speak with Jennifer Fidler to see if we can get clarity.
- Next meeting is set for June 7 at 430 pm at the Nix center
- Mike closes the meeting