

Meeting minutes are below - there are three action items, summarized here:

1. Please continue to get the survey out to neighbors, friends, networks, social media, and the broader community. If you need more flyers please reach out to me.
2. The Mayor asked the group to please send him your vision for trails
3. Please come to January 27th council meeting at 7pm for the public comment portion to show support for creating a Master Trails Plan

Committee for Safe Bicycle and Pedestrian Transport Meeting

Friday, December 20th, 2024 8:30am

Attendees: Carrie Schloss, John Buda, Matt Hanculak, John Wahl, Mayor Koons, Lindsay Zyla, Steve Schmotke

Intros:

Everyone introduced themselves including their interest in this topic. Interests included avid cyclists, people who walk all the time, and families with small kids. Many in the group identified walking/biking on Bell was tough/harrowing. One mentioned being nearly hit as a pedestrian on Bell and remembered a friend who had been killed by a drunk driver (elsewhere). Safer access was desired for biking to Heinens on 306, walking/biking to Gurney, access to CF. The goal is to keep people safe and build community.

NOACA update

Mayor Koons provided an update on the NOACA funding: 800k for trails is already granted to the Village to be used for trails and there is much more federal money out there.

Ideas include limestone paths on some stretches of Bell; crosswalk/colorful paint, education for kids and at schools including a fieldtrip/hike with CFIS

Master Plan Budget update:

This committee and others interested should come to January 27th council meeting to show support for the development of a master plan which would need budget approval of 15k to hire the consultant. The group can make public comment and can invite interested kids/teen who have expressed interest - two students wrote letters to the Mayor asking to do something about bike/ped safety in the village. The CT consultants to develop a master plan for trails in the village Consulting fee would not be part of the 800k

How does 15k compare to broader budget? This is a smaller ask

Survey Status and Planning

Group reviewed preliminary results from the first 265 households. There is broad support for infrastructure improvements with some variability by location. The group is concerned we aren't getting responses from people who live on Bell - but flyers were delivered to all houses on Bell between waverly and ridgewood, but these preliminary responses were pulled before the flyers went out.

Group agreed to close the survey February 15th.

Decided that February 1st we will need to do one last push to get survey responses highlighting the end date to let people know it is closing

Including:

- email HOAs to remind residents to fill out before close
 - email blast from the village reminding residents
 - all the social channels we relied on to get the survey out we can ping again with the end date
- Suggestion to use AI to help analyze survey.

Upcoming Meetings

1. **January 24th 8:30am** committee meeting to organize around council meeting on the 27th
2. **January 27th**
 - a. **6:30pm** gather before council meeting
 - b. **7pm** public comment at council
3. Proposed 6pm meeting before one of the Feb council meeting to potentially meet with CT engineer to share ideas/ listening session - pending master plan budget approval and engineers availability
4. Other regular meetings will be the **last Friday** of every month starting in February.
5. Perhaps a special meeting as a soft opening at Tavern on 6th

Additional questions and answers to questions from last month

If trails were to be implemented would it be on land that is already SR? Or would it be on private land?

-village has 10ft

How many households are in SR?

-1400ish

Do we need to put this on the Ballot?

-Only need a ballot if we are asking people to pay for it which we are not; this just needs council approval if federally funded

Will speed limit assessments be a part of the master plan?

What are the implications of 25mph for just an area?

What would be done about drainage?

Action Item: The Mayor asked the group to please send the mayor a vision of what you want!

Additional ideas

Connect with Chagrin Falls - to plan - since Bell constricts - bikes get squeezed

Let chagrin know what we are doing and find out what the plan is.

Actual sidewalk to restaurants on Washington