

Age-Friendly Shepherdstown Advisory Board  
M I N U T E S – (draft)

Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Attending: Marty Amerikaner, Marcy Bartlett, Steve Pearson, Jonathan Moss, Linda Spatig

After introducing new volunteer, Jonathan Moss of the Panhandle Peddlers Cycling Club, we began with old business.

Old Business

1. Fall Prevention Working Group. Marcy reported that she has five or six people assisting her. They have made an initial assessment of possible hazards at the town's parks and railroad crossings. Hazards were rated on three levels of danger and photographed. A report was developed with details on the findings. The report has been presented to the Public Works Committee and that group decided to call a special committee meeting focused entirely on reviewing both this report and the one received from Ron Eck, the expert on ADA accessibility. Marcy hopes to coordinate future Fall Prevention efforts with Town Administrator, Stephanie Groves.
2. Bike Path Working Group. Linda reported that letters of support for the revised biking route have been received from Shepherd University administration and from the Panhandle Peddlers Cycling Club. Also, we met with the Public Works Committee and responded to questions about using sharrows. We consulted with Shepherdstown Police Chief Mike King and with Atty Chazz Printz. In both cases, we were informed that our plans for the route and signage (both sharrows and on poles) made the city safer for bikers. In addition, Atty Printz said the plans would not make the town more vulnerable to lawsuits than it already is. We have his views in a signed email.

We discussed signage and agreed that the safest option would be to use both sharrows (painted on streets) as well as pole signage. We will continue to coordinate with the Wayfinding Project on the pole signage. In addition, SU has offered to assist with signage on campus and we hope to coordinate with Canal Towns on signage near the C& O trail.

Prior to finalizing a proposal to bring to Town Council, we plan to develop a project budget. In addition, we agreed to begin speaking about the proposed project with community members who live along the bike route.

We discussed the need to pave the section of the route that goes from the West end of High Street to University Drive. We will continue to seek information about this.

3. Meeting adjourned 1:30pm.