

Age-Friendly Shepherdstown
April 22, 2024
M I N U T E S

Attending: Marty Amerikaner, Marcy Bartlett, Stacey Kendig, Steve Pearson, Linda Spatig

Linda reported that the March minutes were corrected based on feedback from Marcy and Marty. The group approved the corrected minutes which had already been submitted to Amy Boyd.

1. Greater Shepherdstown Bike Route

Stacey reported that Shepherd University signage discussions are in the works. Marty reported that we have no new info about county Wayfinding project signage. We are waiting to hear from Annette Gavin-Bates who is waiting to hear from Chris Stroech on the Public Works Committee. Meanwhile, the Canal Towns group is waiting to hear from us about a final route map they can include on their new temporary signage panel.

Based on a driving review of the full route with Chris Stroech, Marty recommended that we alter the route by removing the Rocky Rd. portion that leads to Cullison Park. Marcy shared the current google map of the route and after discussion, we agreed with the recommendation to remove that segment of the route. It is redundant with the Mill St route segment and will likely be confusing and require a good deal of signage to clarify.

Also, while viewing the route map, we discussed how to indicate parts of the route that are not yet completed. We agreed to indicate those sections of the route with a dotted blue line to distinguish them from the solid blue line designating the rest of the route. We also agreed that it would be a good idea to install cautionary signage warning bikers of possible heavy, faster-moving traffic on the not-yet-completed part of the route on Rt. 480, leading out to Morgan's Grove Park.

We briefly discussed installing sharrows on the roadways. Marty suggested that we may want to consider sharrows that are smaller than the standard 112 x 40 inch size that is recommended. Also, he suggested we may want to consider installing fewer of them than what is recommended. No decisions were reached on this.

2. Downtown Fall Prevention and Safety:

Marcy reported on her discussions with the Parks and Rec Committee. She said that repairs on the wooden stair railings at Cullison Park had not yet begun. Marty said that a new design was being developed and should be presented to the next Parks and Rec Committee meeting.

Marcy plans to attend the next Public Works Committee to follow up on other safety-related maintenance and repairs needed in town. She is planning a training session for those who will be conducting additional commercial district reviews of sidewalks, etc, focusing on areas of concern related to fall-prevention and safety. The plan is for that training and assessment to begin later this spring.

3. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 29 at 12:30, on zoom