



NEWBURYPORT LIVABLE STREETS

Meeting Notes
March 12, 2024 – 7:00 pm
Senior Community Center

1. Attendees: Rick Taintor, Jonah Williams (MVPC), Judy Sharkey, Carolyn Layzer, Kirk Trach, Chris Cunningham, Bonnie Sontag, Alden Clark, Sheila Taintor, Molly Ettenborough, Peter Ettenborough, Eric Tracy, Liz Fabel
2. Approval of February Meeting Minutes – [NLS 2024-02-06 Meeting Notes.docx](#)
 - Approved
3. Treasurer's Report (Alden Clark)
 - Year to Date financials
 - Annual filing with the state (to maintain member in good standing) \$15 fee
4. Recreation Youth Center – [pedestrian safety concerns](#)
 - [RVCC to RYC walking routes - map](#), [RVCC to RYC walking routes - aerial](#)
 - City is currently planning a sidewalk immediately in front of the new center with crossing improvements (including a ped signal)
 - Bonnie attended Community Services Subcommittee to encourage additional sidewalk to connect to RVCS
 - Low Street is a bigger safety concern than just the location in front of the future Youth Center building, potential for the engineering study to cover Hale St to Graf Rd. Bonnie will communicate our continued support for this.
 - Eric mentioned exploring potential for connecting to Bright Horizons via off-road paths from Low St to Graf Rd.
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant idea -- potential for a demonstration project? (Juliet to discuss with Andrew Levine at City)
 - Low Street has potential to be transformed into a much more walk and bike friendly corridor!
 - Why is Low Street speed limit still zoned 35MPH? Bonnie will ask Councilor Zeid.
5. NLS Fundraising Discussion
 - Liz fundraising ideas
 - identify needs/aspirations and funding opportunities to support non-profits
 - exploring Essex County Community Foundation, will discuss with them for ideas
 - future activity -- do some brainstorming related to our organizational goals

- New England Grassroots Environmental Fund part 2 (grow grant)
 - could potentially pursue next phase, would be for a specific project
 - Eric shared his t-shirt idea (“effortless giving”)
6. Project updates – [031224 NLS Project Updates.docx](#)
- Bike Share (Rick) -- first planning meeting held, see presentation for more details
 - Working with MVPC/MPO to pursue funding through the state TIP (transportation improvement program)
 - Working with Tandem (vendor)
 - Will also be exploring sponsors
 - Storey Ave (Rick/Bonnie) -- waiting for City to get this project going
 - Three Roads (Rick) -- City needs to initiate the project (MVPC is waiting for us to take action)
 - NLS can help get this moving!
 - Walk Audits (Juliet)
 - Juliet will wrap up Low St summary
 - Potential next location is Storey Ave
7. Other Business
- NLS Logo update ([examples](#) and [ideas](#)) [Discuss Next Meeting]
 - Potential graphic designer assistance?
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Next Meeting - April 2