

Notes from Bike/Hike Meeting
Delaware Valley College
May 10, 2011

Present: Lynn Goldman, Chairperson, Melissa Schaffer, Marilyn Jacobson, Peter Fernandez, Chris Stanford, Rick Colello, Tom Kelso, Amy Mazzetti, Don Richardson, Bruce Hochman, Judy Hendrixson, Art Glass, Mark Hintenlang, Dick Patterson and Stephanie Mason.

Link to Various Train Stations

Mr. Kelso put up an aerial map that showed Delaware Valley College in the center and highlighted the New Britain Train Station, the Delaware Valley College Train Station and the potential links and walking paths needed to make those connections through the cemetery through New Britain and discussions regarding the Delaware Valley College parking area and new parking lots near the Delaware Valley College fields. The Parkway path from Bristol Road was also discussed.

Neshaminy Trail Connector

There was discussion regarding the Colleges property along the Neshaminy and connecting a trail from the Rt 202 Parkway through the Colleges property and Chalfont New Britain Joint Sewer Authority's property to the cemetery and eventually to the New Britain Train Station. It was also discussed about making it part of the Neshaminy Greenway. There were discussion about working on a bridge, managing pathways, working with SEPTA, New Britain Borough at present is looking at right a way near the SEPTA tracks that would provide access along the RT 202 corridor. This would be part of the New Britain Borough 202 Corridor Plan which they are developing way to improve access for pedestrians along Rt 202. The College's frontage toward the Seven/Eleven and are looking both along Rt 202 as well as the SEPTA right a way. There is an alley way behind Duck Deli which was identified as part of the Farm Market Project and potential for a sidewalk along Rt 202 or potential path. New Britain Borough has formed a Bike/Hike Committee, Chris Stanford is working with them, they have a small grant from PECO and are developing some trail concepts. They are working with at 60' right of way, however there is a lot of cut and fill.

Bristol Road & Upper State Connector

This was a Safe Routes to School Grant potential SEPTA connection, pedestrian access. New Britain / Chalfont have a \$700,000 grant to link improvements from Bristol & Rt 202 and are looking to complete that, this would mean pulling pieces together. Also, the Delaware Valley College Ag Committee is meeting later this month and has potential to look at some connectors as well.

Lower State Road Trail into Doylestown Borough

There is an easement from the Delaware Valley College Farm Market site. Crossing the SEPTA railroad tracks at Lower State becomes difficult; going along the Burpee Property is also a concern. This is somewhat of a future project Mr. Glass indicated that once the 202 Parkway is done and the Lower State Road access to the campus is identified, they'll see if there is an increase in traffic that may become a major entry way to the college since it is only four stops from Rt 309 and that may generate some more interest for that connection.

Delaware Valley College Entrance to the Covered Bridge

At this time there are no plans from either the College or New Britain Borough to make any pedestrian access along Iron Hill Road at the College entrance toward the existing trails at Shady Retreat and Iron Hill.

Kids Bike Derby – June 18, 2011 – Volunteers are needed for the project and people should be in attendance to help with the various age groups (3-12) on June 18th at 9AM at the Township Building before the event runs from 9am – 12Noon. Donations are needed of helmets as well.

The goal at this point is to get some maps, share copies of agreements and start to develop linkage points on larger maps where all the trails and missing points can be identified and see if larger projects can be pinpointed. Look at maintenance agreements and see where we can go from there.

Respectfully submitted,

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