

WALK! BIKE! BROCKPORT!
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012

Attendees:

Alicia Fink, Darrell Stewart, Ray Duncan, Sri Ram Bakshi, Helen Smagorinsky, Joe Blosenhauer, Lucille Ribble, Merrill Melnick, Betsy Ernst, Peter Randazzo. Harry Shifton

1. **Brockport's New Renovated Gateway Painting**

Alicia Fink and Helen Smagorinsky—leaders in WBB's Arts and Aesthetics Committee—reported on the recently completed renovation of Helen's beautiful mural. This billboard is located on Main Street near the railroad tracks. Alicia and Helen stood in freezing weather to watch the process.

The Village paid \$ 200.00 for the lettering on the billboard's side. William Andrews, a founding member of Walk! Bike! Brockport! paid \$ 570.00 for the cost of the painter. The Arts and Aesthetics Committee of Walk! Bike! Brockport overall has contributed \$1,148.00 toward this Gateway Billboard and will work on the landscaping under the painting this coming spring. It should be noted that George Dahl and Art Appleby volunteered their labor for billboard's renovation.

Action: What remains is to get the lights fixed, a subject Bill will raise at the next Village meeting in his capacity as a Village Trustee.

2. **Signs for the Walk! Bike! Brockport!/Town of Sweden Community Park Trail**

The possibility of cooperating with the Town of Sweden to produce new signs for our Community Park Trail—initiated earlier this year—was discussed. Some of the original trail markers have been knocked down, and discussion focused on new signs to better identify this stunning hiking/cross country skiing trail.

Action: Toward this end, Alicia Fink will arrange a meeting with the Town of Sweden Supervisor, Pat Connors, and selected WBB members.

3. **Striped Street Crossings to School**

Dr Jim Goetz—Chairperson, WBB’s Walk to School Committee—has requested that we make an official request to the Village to stripe all street crossings to school. This comes as valuable feedback from neighbors who walk their children to school. We discussed this proposition at length, agreeing strongly with Dr. Goetz’s request, as would Mark Fenton, a leading national authority on this issue.

Action: WBB members will urge our Village Trustee Liaison, Margay Blackman, to formally request the Village to stripe all street crossings to school.

4. **Walk! Bike! Brockport! Participation in the Upcoming December 2nd Main Street Holiday Parade**

Following the unanimous support for our participation in the upcoming December 2nd Holiday Parade, Ray Duncan reported that he would submit a formal entry application on behalf of our group. This will mark the first time WBB has taken part in one of our local parades.

Action: WBB voted an expenditure of \$ 25.00 for purchase of extremely loud noisemakers by Alicia Fink. Betsy Ernst will produce many enthusiastic SUNY-College at Brockport students to march with us; Ashlee Wilmier and Peter Maziarz will round up a number of high school students, while WBB members will hustle friends and family members into our marching group. It all bodes well in the “Let’s Have Fun” category.

Parade Information:

Sunday, December 2nd.

3:30 PM: Parade Lineup, old Ryan's Big M—West Ave @ Rt. 19

5:00 PM: Parade Kick-Off

Parade Ends at Sagawa Park

4. New Bike-Drop Off Initiative from Mark Fenton's Presentation

Ray reported a new cooperative initiative stemming from Mark Fenton's Talk: A Bike Drop-Off System. This project's goal will be to establish a system used in other communities throughout the U.S. and Europe whereby bicycles—under a security system—are available in different locations, i.e. the SUNY-College at Brockport campus, Wegmans, and downtown Brockport. Margay Blackman, Dean Frank Short and Ray Duncan have held an initial exploratory meeting.

Action:

Margay Blackman, Ray Duncan, Darrell Stewart will meet with Johnna Fransini at the SUNY-College at Brockport Welcome Center on Monday, November 12, to discuss this project in further detail. More to come.

5. Initiative to Apply for a National "Walk Friendly" Award

Following Mark Fenton's suggestion, WBB will work with Village representatives, SUNY-College at Brockport and BISCO to apply for a national "WALK FRIENDLY" award. Receiving such an award will recognize the greater Brockport community as a highly valued walkable setting—with all the benefits such national recognition entails.

Action: Ray will make available the Community Assessment Document, which contains the guidelines and requirements for submitting our application. We will discuss this document at

out December meeting, working toward identifying how specific individuals and groups might work various requirements of “Community Assessment” on.

6. **No Santa Train this Year**

Harry Shifton reported that Medina Railroad Inc. has determined not to run a Brockport Santa Train this year—for a number of reasons. Perhaps sometime in the future.

7. **Goat Trail Connection between Wegmans and Brockport Schools**

We discussed