

**WALK! BIKE! BROCKPORT!
MEETING NOTES**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2014
4:30-5:30 PM
VILLAGE HALL**

Attending:

Bill Andrews, Peter Randazzo, Harry Shifton, Samuel Tanner and Ray Duncan

1. New WBB and Village of Brockport Intern, Samuel Tanner

We introduced our new SUNY-College at Brockport Intern, Sam Tanner, who will be working with Ray Duncan, Margay Blackman and Tom Robinson on the \$50,000.00 GTC grant to develop a Master Plan for pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the greater Brockport area. Mr. Tanner is a Political Science and International Studies Department student. Professor Susan Orr has facilitated the internship.

2. GTC Grant Cycling and Pedestrian Traffic Master Plan Update.

Ray Duncan and Mayor Margay Blackman have met with the Brockport Merchants Association to brief its members on the GTC grant progress.

Ray and Margay also met with SUNY-College at Brockport Provost, Mary Ellen Zuckerman, and Dr. Frank Short, Dean, School of Health and Human Services, to discuss SUNY-Brockport as a “Cycling Friendly University.” Tom Robinson, GTC Project Director pointed out this designation possibility during our 13 – mile cycling tour of greater Brockport.

3. “Welcome to Brockport” Gateway Painting

We discussed the possibility of moving Helen Smagorinsky gateway painting from the left side of Main Street going north to the right side. This would require more information on right side property and whether or not the painting can be preserved for a few more years. The issue is obviously yet to be determined.

4. New Pedestrian and Biking Trail Possibilities

Rails to Trails

Discussion centered on the possible conversion of the defunct railroad line that starts at the intersection of South Avenue and Owens Road and goes east toward Spencerport into a trail. Such a project would include use of the “Rails to Trails” program. More background information is needed for the project to go forward.

Trolley Line Trail

Bill Andrews discussed how in 2006, he applied for and received an \$82,000 grant from the Transportation Enhancement Program to build a trail on an abandoned trolley line east of Owens Road. He was unable at the time to get the Town of Sweden and Village of Brockport to agree on the necessary permits. He pointed out how the two officials who blocked it are no longer in office. Our Walk! Bike! Brockport Action Group is interested in trying again. Bill will be looking into this issue.

5. Pedestrian and Driving Safety Issues Discussed

Peter Randazzo suggested the possibility of using a flashing light system on the Main Street Bridge to allow pedestrians to cross Main Street safely. He also noted that the intersection of Sherry Lane and Rt. 31 has a “Yield” sign for Sherry Lane traffic approaching Rt 31, instead of a “Stop” sign—suggesting a dangerous intersection.

6. *Democrat and Chronicle* Front Page Cycling Article

A brief discussion was held on the D & C’s front-page article (Monday, November 24), “Cyclists on Edge.” The article noted how bicycle riders frequently are on edge due to poor driver education on the rules of the road for cyclists and drivers’ lack of attention to passing a bicycle at safe distance—despite the law that requires it.

Respectfully submitted
Tuesday, November 25, 2014

Raymond Duncan
Your humble servant