

## **ECC Traffic Enforcement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes March 3, 2008, 6pm, City Hall**

### **Attendees**

ECC: Rob R, Brian H, Bill K, Hunter S, Melinda T, Grace J, Taylor V, Alderwoman Erin Sturgis-Pascale, Mark A.

### **1. Review of recent accidents**

a. Student hit on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 9pm, crossing street. Currently in hospital. Issues: Why doesn't Yale announce/warn community of traffic injuries that affect students?

b. Wednesday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 4pm, Taylor V involved in hit and run accident caused by green pickup truck turning in front of his bicycle. Police took name and report and visited Taylor in hospital to follow up, but vehicle was never identified.

### **2. Goals/Next Steps**

a. Police Bicycle Liaison "Kickoff Meeting": ECC Traffic Enforcement Group will meet with NHPD on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Hunter will prepare the agenda (and "ask list") and the initial meeting will be limited to a small group in order to be most efficient and because this was NHPD's request. \*\*\* (Please refer to separate minutes and agenda from that meeting)\*\*\*

b. Research items: How other cities collect and process statistics on traffic accidents and enforcement. Mark to investigate SFBC and TA information; Melinda to ask what Sandy Fry has found in West Hartford and Hartford. Awaiting follow up from NHPD meeting.

c. Involving kids and parents in bicycle safety. The group encourages further planning for education outreach efforts. An ECC Education working group will be formed.

d. Lobbying: The group strongly encourages lobbying for SB 299, currently in committee in Hartford. SB 299 mandates a share the road campaign, new laws to protect cyclists, and required infrastructure in all state road projects. Bill will post to listserv with additional information following up on Mark's initial post about this bill, encouraging all members to write letters of support. Mark will communicate with statewide group on possible next steps (bill is expected to be voted out of committee).

e. Community groups/CMTs: The group discussed impact of CMTs with Alderwoman Sturgis-Pascale. Mark will draft packet of "speaking points" that can be used as ECC members become more familiar with their community groups, and can hopefully help these various neighborhood groups form coalitions working together with ECC around issues like traffic calming and better enforcement. These groups also work closely with Mike Piscitelli on citywide and neighborhood traffic calming plans, which ECC would naturally want to become more involved in (this being done primarily through the Bike Plan Subcommittee, since it involves infrastructure).

f. Follow up on accidents: Begin to consider press response/public awareness campaigns of road dangers, and how to collect information on accidents (perhaps through website link or phone/email contacts that accident victims could call into). Wait until NHPD meeting to see if we can work with them on best responses.