

ECC

Oct. 15, 2007 Minutes

Present: Adrienne Webb, Matthew Feiner, Tom Harned, Mark Abraham, Robin Schafer, Meleah Housenecht, Hua Tan, Bill Kurtz, Jo Kremer, Erica Mintzer, Andrew Soell, Hunter Smith, Kelly Jensen, Brian Hornby, Rob Rocke, David Streever, Aaron Goode, Melinda Tuhus and Alderman Roland Lemar

Aldermanic Finance Committee meeting this Thursday, Oct. 18 -- Robin will represent ECC in speaking in favor of the proposal to charge private parking garages per space and use that money for transit and bike amenities. Anyone else who can go is urged to attend as well.

New Committees

- * New Haven Bike Plan, chaired by Tom Harned, to bring together ideas for improving bicycling in the city
- * Accreditation Committee by League of American Bicyclists to designate New Haven a "Bicycle Friendly Community," chaired by Hunter Smith
- * Safety Committee, chaired by Rob Rocke, to consult with Bernie Somers of NHPD on enforcement issues

Incorporation Committee -- Robin met with Attorney Cordalie Benoit, who has agreed to draw up our incorporation papers pro bono. Thanks, Cordalie! Suggestions re: incorporation will be posted to the list serve shortly.

(Additional info from Mark A. re: incorporation):

Re Incorporation, the next steps regarding the survey were:

- 1) One final look at survey this week to confirm it's OK.
- 2) Post survey on listserve (also this week or early next week) using SurveyMonkey, and request all replies within 10 days.
- 3) Post survey to listserve one or two more times reminding people of "deadline" for responses. Also, Robin and I were talking and we thought we should also contact everyone on the list individually because not everyone gets the digest emails (some people are just registered and check the Yahoo site occasionally) and more importantly, not everyone reads them that thoroughly. We also think we should post the survey on other local listserves dealing with environmental/social issues, requesting that bicyclists fill it out. The more we can get a sense of things, the better.
- 4) Collect the data from SurveyMonkey and present it to the group at the next ECC meeting in three weeks.

Next Bike to Work Day (and last for this year) on Friday, Nov. 16, 7:30-9 or 9:30 a.m. at Pitkin Plaza, in conjunction with Koffee on Orange, spearheaded by Melinda

For lots of other info on what happened at the meeting, check out the story at www.newhavenindependent.org, which was posted Tuesday morning. Add your own comments after the story!

Great job chairing, David Streever!