

**WALK! BIKE! BROCKPORT  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 23, 2015  
4:30 – 5:30 PM  
Brockport Village Hall**

**Attending:**

Harry Shifton, Rosie Rich, Merrill Melnick, Mike Schaffer, Ed Lehman, Scott Meyers (our current student Intern), Richard Swift (our new student Intern for next year) and Ray Duncan

**1. Festival of Lights Parade: Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**

- We line up at Strong West Hospital, West Avenue
- Be there around 4:15-4:30 pm
- Parade ends at Sagawa Park
- Wear some kind of light or flashing lights
- We'll gathering at Morgan-Manning after Parade
- Alicia will provide hot chocolate and donuts

**2. RR Bridge Victorian Gateway Update**

- The new Victorian gateway project is an outcome of our Genesee Transportation Council (GTC) grant to develop a Master Plan for walking and biking in the greater Brockport area. The Village of Brockport (Mayor Margay Blackman) and Walk! Bike! Brockport collaborated to apply for this \$50,000.00 grant.
- Stacey Kirby, muralist, was chosen as a consequence of her work with our Arts and Aesthetics Committee on the East Avenue mural.
- The plan is to leave Helen Smagorinsky's Victorian mural in place, hopefully restored by the Arts and Aesthetics Committee.
- The new Railroad Bridge Victorian gateway project made 1<sup>st</sup> page of the *Stylus* (Vol. 118, Issue No. 9, November 11, 2015).
- David Markham's *The Brockporter* has featured our Master Plan for Walking and Biking and the new Gateway project.
- We have raised just over \$3,000.00 from *GoFundMe*, checks and a \$2,000.00 grant submitted by Mayor Blackman's office.

### 3. Future Fund Raising Events

- A Spaghetti Dinner option was discussed—and dismissed due to the relatively lesser amount of funds it likely would produce.
- A multi-community-wide auction—suggested by Mike Schaffer—is under discussion. It would require a team to organize it *a la* the two outstanding *Stone Soup* auctions put together by our Arts and Aesthetics Committee. The new auction date would be sometime in the fall of 2016.

### 4. New Student Intern

- Scott Meyers, our current SUNY-College at Brockport Intern from the College's Department of Political Science and International Studies, introduced Richard Swift as our new Student Intern. Richard will work with WBB next year, earning 3 credits in the Department of Political Science and International Studies under the supervision of Dr. Susan Orr.
- Scott set up our *GoFundMe* web site for the Railroad Bridge Victorian Gateway project, arranged the front-page *Stylus* article about the Gateway and organized manpower from his Pi Kappa Phi fraternity to clean up debris on the railroad bridge's Southside.

### 5. Sweden Community Park WBB Trail

- Harry Shifton asked about the condition of our WBB walking trail in the Town of Sweden's Community Park, now in place due to the outstanding work by WBB members Peter Randazzo and Dave Ball
- Answer: Having just walked the trail, I can report that it is in excellent condition—well mowed, wide, inviting and a pleasure to walk. A few trail markers are dislodged, but can be fixed easily.

### 6. Employee Fitness Program

- Harry Shifton volunteered to speak to BISCO in an effort to promote SUNY-College at Brockport's Employee Fitness program. That program is looking for more community members to take part in fitness training offered by the College at no charge to participants.

Respectfully submitted

Raymond Duncan  
Your Humble Servant

