



## PBPAC Monthly Meeting – October 9, 2023

**Call to order at 7:06 pm**

### **Attendees**

John Clark	Ben Rifkin
Winston Lumpkins IV	Lindsay Sirois
Steven Scharf	Andrew Blunt
Zack Barowitz	Todd Russell

**Motion to approve [September minutes](#), passed unanimously**

### **Announcements**

Winston heard back from Tom Nosal (Toole Design) (following up about Union Branch Connector Trail after public meeting) – both railroad bridge connection and Valley Street connection are being considered. Tom may be hosting a presentation and Q+A at November meeting.

### **Candidate Ride + Survey**

3 of 6 mayor candidates and one candidate in each council race attended, deemed a successful council ride!

Responses from 3 of 6 mayor candidates (same that attended ride), all council candidates. Results can be found here: <https://www.portlandbikeped.org/candidate-survey-2023>

Question about if PBPAC endorses candidates – we do not and remain neutral.

### **New Business – action items underlined**

**District Meetings – <https://www.portlandmaine.gov/730/Annual-District-Meetings>**

Some are in person, some are virtual, City councilors + staff will be in attendance

Typically, we shoot to have at least one PBPAC member at all meetings to discuss snow clearance

Q – do we discuss other issues besides snow clearance? Sometimes, neighborhood-dependent. Often, speeding is a big topic. Also, a good time to bring up need for bike-ped coordinator.

Neighborhood-specific talking points, feel free to add more to the listserv!

- Bike ped coordinator – tie it into your district
- Better bikeways – Veranda St/Deering Ave were supposed to be getting implemented but haven't...
- District 1 – Bus service changes
- Insufficient Street lights - basically relevant in all districts

No representation from D4 or D5 at this month's meeting, so we will be spreading the word to the listserv to encourage folks who live in those districts to attend their meetings

### **2023 Report Card**

2023 priority process recap – in person brainstorm meeting, google survey of members, final list and document worked on in multiple meetings and published at start of year. Priority list was well-read by city staff and councilors and endorsed by Bicycle Coalition of Maine

Report card – John + Winston have been working on a “report card” to base internal planning on – possibly making public if committee chooses. John + Winston working on resource gathering then will be sharing with committee for input

Should we share with public? Could be a useful press release, however, issue of how accurate/skewed is our judging of projects. Additionally, some projects may just be “no progress”

### **2024 Priorities**

We're a little later than last year's timeline – we held our in-person gathering in September last year, but this may still work to submit priority in January

Hoping to have an in-person meeting again on a bit of notice – **Wednesday, November 1 at 6 PM**

- Location? Eastland Hotel meeting room off lobby? (Zack will scout out) Jewish Community Alliance? (Zack will ask) Portland Community Squash (Todd), PMC, Gear Hub?, breweries
- First steps will be reaching out to Jewish Community Alliance (Zack) and Community Squash (Todd), then we will try breweries
- Question - Do we want to share this just in listserv or out to general public? Public seems like a good idea since it helps us eliminate blind spots and bring in new members
  - o In promotional material for meeting, QR code will be included to survey where public can suggest bike/ped platform ideas. Andrew will take lead on flyer creation, distribution. John will create survey, Winston will create Facebook event

### **Other business**

Zack – suggested doing another winter cycling event – this one more dynamic than last year's.

- Bringing up to committee the idea of shortening snow removal school routes, will bring up to priority discussion

**Meeting adjourned at 8:26**