

Healthy Franklin County - Physical Activity Task Force
Built Environment Work Group - MINUTES
Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Present: Noel Purdy, Heather Myers, Hugh Graham, Elizabeth George, Sam Thrush
Absent: Katie Hess, Elena Kehoe, Maria Misner, Melanie Furlong, Guy Shaul, Ann Spotswood

CHNA Update

Noel reported that Summit Health is nearing completion of the 2018 Community Health Needs Assessment. The preliminary findings suggest that we have not made progress on physical activity as a community and in fact have slipped nearly 10 points in the last three years. In 2015, 64% of Franklin County residents were overweight/obese; the new findings say that 73% of residents are obese/overweight. The health priorities for the next community health improvement plan (CHIP) will be identified soon pending the final CHNA report. The CHNA public release event will be on June 5 and the theme is how to build a culture of change. Noel encourages everyone to attend the event. Heather and Noel shared that we may evaluate our existing committee structures and realign them in order to better address healthy living and physical activity.

Bike Share/Library – Project Feasibility Update

Heather, Noel and Sam reported on the Zagster model. The cost would be \$40,000 for 10 bikes over two years. Zagster is a turn key model and provides all of the equipment, operations and insurance. It also provides GPS tracking of usage. We believe the Zagster model could be piloted on a recreational route, such as the rail trail, in Chambersburg however there could be a link to an employer. The data collected from the pilot could inform future expansion efforts of a bike-share program. The project will be looked at in the next program year as the CHNA wraps up and we have more capacity to find sponsors / fundraise.

Open Streets/Waynesboro Open Streets

Heather reported that she and Noel discussed a possible open streets project in Chambersburg but there was a lack of partner capacity to implement a project this year. Heather shared that she was contacted by MainStreet Waynesboro to partner on an event; she and Noel will be visiting with Bill Kohler later in April. Heather also reported that she and Noel met with Karen Keefer and Melissa Murray of the Franklin County Cyclists to discuss possible collaborations, such as an open streets event, pop-up bike way, bike safety rodeo and a youth cycling club. The FCC was up for partnering on an event but after their ride season.

Borough of Chambersburg Bike/Ped Update

Sam reported that the bike and pedestrian advisory committee has been discussing bike/walking loops; staff is working on a South Mountain Partnership mini-grant for wayfinding signage; 3rd Street Greenway is being revisited with a possible link to Park of the Valiant; bike racks have been installed on the Square, Mill Alley, the Toy Box walkway and El Gallo walkway; wayfinding signage on the rail trail is being installed; and more walk your bikes on the sidewalks signage is being painted in the downtown.

Bike Advocacy/Policy

Dr. George discussed the need for more bike advocacy; policy changes need to be made in order to improve the built environment. The FCC is focused on education and fitness, not so much on advocacy. They do not have the capacity to do advocacy. Dr. George discussed the [Bike Frederick Coalition](#) as a model to research.

Other

CVRT is extending into South Hampton Township. No update on Green Township/Conococheague trail.

MEETING SCHEDULE- TBD – Noel will be out of town on June 11 for next meeting.