

Climate Protection Committee  
Minutes  
Meeting May 24, 2011 7:30 PM

In attendance:

Judith McGuire  
Betsy Johnson  
Debbie Litt  
Carol Rubin  
Stephanie Lowet  
Julia Craighill  
Laura Thornton (Chevy Chase Patch)

**Review of Bike Day and suggestions for future events**

1. Timing (during church) and weather took away from attendance but people (mainly families) who came enjoyed it a lot.
2. We collected 25 bikes for Bikes for the World
3. Bert from Griffin Cycles was great – very patient – and gave good advice to people. Some folks hoped to buy small bike merchandise like bells, inner tubes, etc. Eric asked Griffin about that but they declined.
4. Several cycling organizations were going to come but canceled based on weather forecasts.
5. We didn't get many signatures on the petition to have bike lanes on Connecticut Ave. Suggest circulating through the crowd next time to get signatures rather than waiting for people to come to the table.
6. Bike rodeo was good – but we think next year we should do something different
7. The school is listed as a sponsor but doesn't do anything to promote it.
8. Suggest a fundraising event like a bake sale next year (for Bikes for the World?) or for the school if PTA could get on board.
9. Some people asked about bathroom facilities – suggest paying the school next year to open the bathrooms.
10. Maybe next year we could partner with Bethesda Green on a bike event and move the venue to allow for a bigger crowd.

**Suggestions for addressing biking in town**

1. Perhaps do a survey of people in town to find out what impedes people from running errands on bikes
2. We could explore having bikes for rent at a central location – like CCES or 4H
3. We could lobby the county to include more bike racks in Bethesda

**New Business**

1. Judy would like to have a meeting with town builders and architects and even local mortgage lenders to see if there's anything we can do short of subsidies to encourage green building. Julia and Judy will approach individuals on this.

2. **Reminder** - June 12<sup>th</sup> is a wine and cheese even for people who have had audits and taken action. This is an opportunity to ask them how to get more folks to sign up for the audit program.

The next meeting will be held on June 28, 7-9 PM, in the Town Hall. We agreed to not have meetings in July and August.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM