

**NJ Committee for the East Coast Greenway  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2008—6:30 pm  
Stelton Community Center, Edison, NJ**

**Present:** Mike Kruimer (Co-Chair), Anne Kruimer, David Ascher, Dolores Newman (Co-Chair), and Gary Johnson

**Minutes:** Mike Kruimer moved, seconded by Gary Johnson, the approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 17, 2008, which minutes were unanimously approved.

**Membership:** Currently there are 427 members. Karen Votava committed to give the New Jersey committee 50 percent of contributions in May, but such funds were not received from recent contributions.

**Website:** The revised national website is not yet up and running.

**Bike Ped Task Force Meeting:** Mike Kruimer recently attended a meeting of the Bike Ped Task Force. There was a presentation of the bike sharing program tried in Princeton several years ago. There was no enforcement and bikes needed to be rounded up. The program fell apart at the end of the second year.

**Map of Edison area:** Mike Dannemiller prepared a map that showed the population within one mile of the trail between Merrill and Roosevelt Parks. Approximately 120,000 people live in that area. We are also looking at carbon footprints to tie into the Merck Family Fund potentially to obtain a grant revolving around climate change.

**Ramapo Rally:** Dolores Newman staffed a table at the recently held Ramapo Rally run by the Bicycle Touring Club of North Jersey. She handed out materials regarding the East Coast Greenway.

**Lance Armstrong Foundation:** The Lance Armstrong Foundation is interested in undertaking a charity bike ride. Dolores advised them to speak with Mike Kruimer regarding routing.

**Bike Ped Advocacy Group:** Mike Kruimer attended a meeting of the Bike Ped Advocacy Group on September 10, 2008.

**Signage:** The Middlesex County Engineer approved the East Coast Greenway signs for placement in Middlesex County. The Middlesex County Parks also approved the signs. Eric Weiss obtained a count of the number of signs required for Middlesex County and placed the order.

**Car-Free Week:** The week of September 22 is Car-Free Week.

**League of American Bicyclists:** According to a recent survey of the League of American Bicyclists, New Jersey is number 9 on the list of bicycle friendly states.

**Funding:**

**Dodge Foundation:** We have not been scheduled yet for an interview, which are generally held in mid-August, with the Dodge Foundation. We are supposed to be granted an interview with David Grant, the Executive Director. Previously he wanted to know what we were going to do when our other funds ran out.

**Kodak Foundation.** We are still waiting to hear.

**Merck Family Foundation:** We will send an initial inquiry letter.

**Environmental Endowment for New Jersey:** We have not yet explored this opportunity.

**Novartis Foundation:** We have not yet explored this opportunity.

**T-Shirt Design:** Mike Kruimer has to get back to the t-shirt designer.

**NY-NJ Trail Conference:** We are getting funding to join.

**Walks:** We will be scheduling walks on the Roosevelt Park-Merrill Park segment.

**NJTPA:** Gary Johnson attended their board meeting last week. They are asking for our input on the Long Range Transportation Plan-2035. Note: Ron Tindall is leaving his position September 16.

**Newark Green Summit:** Mike Selender will be attending the summit September 12-13.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for October 16, 2008 at 6:30 pm.

**Subsequent Meetings:** November 13, 2008  
December 11, 2008

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

David Ascher, Secretary