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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee's Arlington/Nichols/Greenway Working Group** met at Watertown City Hall on **Tuesday July 29, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** Present: Jamie Burke (chair), Amy Plovnick, Eileen Botti and Jenny Wang; and Zeke Mermell (staff support). Discussion as follows:

- Eileen has materials she sent Zeke; Zeke sharing on screen
- Discussing next steps for sharing data with outside groups: PowerPoint or 3-pager
- Walked through APBP (Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals) peer research on diagonal crossings from other cities
- Walked through 3-pager draft prepared by Eileen on Arlington/Nichols intersection
- Walked through draft presentation:
 - How to back up request to create ample time for pedestrians to cross in two stages/diagonally
 - Right turn on red: big compliance issue—what can be addressed without enforcement?
 - Signage, infrastructure
- Zeke can connect with Tyler Glode (City Engineer at DPW) and DCDP & Planning Division leadership to consider best next steps, ask preferences & site visit during AM peak with background materials, and inform of work from Bike-Ped so far
- Zeke suggested for the Working Group to look through Bike-Ped Plan and Complete Streets Prioritization Plan to see if intersection is noted in either plan
- Collect surveys/feedback on intersection from community during Farmer's Market, potential for site surveys
- Looked at survey sheet:
 - Edits to simplify travel mode answer
 - Add "What is your biggest concern with this intersection" with open-ended answer box
 - Can we use your survey responses in our communications
- Scope: Add connectivity to Filippello Park (re: Open Space Senior Planner connection)
- Eileen will edit and recirculate survey
- Amy will send Eileen notes for safety slide with email from cyclist who had crash on the intersection
- CTPS Greenway counts last done in 2022, haven't sent data yet but Eileen will share when they do
- Jenny will share video from intersection counts with Zeke, on YouTube unlisted link
- "Why now" an important question to consider