Meeting Minutes, Safe Routes to Schools Committee (SRtS)
Date: December 9th, 2019, 7:30-8:30 pm
Attendees: Sarah Birkedal, Rhiannon Platt, Sashi Nivarthi, Marisa Silverstein, Mary Beth Murphy (Village Manager), Georgia Lopez (Trustee), Anjali Chen, Mary Lambert (RSVPed yes, but could not make it: Tammy Black, Maureen Caraballo, and Niki Armacost)

1) Welcome & Introduction. For the newcomers, Georgia gave a quick overview of Climate Smart Communities and the background on the Village's Submission for Bronze certification. We discussed several of the initiatives to date, and the timing surrounding our submission. While quite a few groups are also working on encouraging walking and biking in the Village, the hope/goal of the group is to pull together, organize, as well as highlight initiatives, partnership and grant opportunities, as well as leverage the CSC rubric, tools and learnings from other CSC communities.

As an active working committee moving forward, SRtS will develop specific goals and prioritize ideas and initiatives, but the immediate goal is to document and highlight efforts to date for bronze submission, as well as to educate other relevant stakeholders and groups on our initial efforts.

2) The SRtS presentation deck. Anjali walked us through a working draft of the SRtS presentation deck. The objective of this deck is two-fold: to capture the Village's relevant initiatives and accomplishments concerning Safe Routes, and to educate key constituencies on the SRtS rubric, mainly the 6 Es. In applying this rubric to Village efforts, Anjali has been able to connect various initiatives to their corresponding category, i.e. education, engineering, encouragement, enforcement, equity, and evaluation.

Georgia informed the group about the Complete Streets Initiative, and Sashi updated us on the Rt 9 proposal.

3) Next steps. The Immediate next step is finalizing the presentation deck and the program summary, as well as collecting the various documents to be submitted for bronze. Mary explained how the program summary will be used, in context of our submission. The new web site and SRtS alias <saferoutes@hastingsgov.org> were also discussed. Mary will follow up with Raf on the web site and Sashi volunteered to be the point person for the alias. It was decided that we will try and create a list of the key documents on the web site, and reference the web site in our submission, as opposed to including the links in the actual presentation.

It was the consensus that the group should meet on a regular basis and continue to sit independently of the PTSA Traffic Safety Committee since that is mainly an advocacy group.

Georgia encouraged participation in tomorrow night's safe drop off zones event at the community center.