

Meeting Minutes Cambridge Bicycle Committee 4/11/12

Present: John Goodman, Amy Linne, Ellen Aronson, Randy Stern, Daniel Baronofsky, Scott Walker, Cara Seiderman, Catharine Hornby, Peter Stokes, Andrea Williams, Carole Sousa, Madeleine deBlois, Chris Porter, Taylor, Tegin Teich, Sam Lipson (DPH), Bill Connolly, Jeff Roberts (CDD), Adam Shulman (TP&T)

I. Minutes of 2/12/12 meeting approved and accepted.

II. Discussion of zoning changes regarding bike parking

- To reflect the goal that 10% of trips in Cambridge will be made on bike (currently around 7-8%). Goal for universities is 20% since they are already over the 10% mark.
- Zoning requirements for bike parking will be divorced from car parking requirements (currently 1 bike spot for 10 car spots required)
- Jeff described the process of zoning regulation amendments. Proposal will be presented to Cambridge Planning Board on 5/15/12.
- Only City Council can change the zoning code
- New requirements would be triggered any time there is a “change of use” in a building as well as with new construction
- “Long term” and “short term” parking would be required, where long term is for full-day/overnight/longer use (e.g. for residents or employees). Long term should be convenient, safe, and secured. Short term is for quick visitors (e.g. post office, coffee shops). Different types of buildings would have different proportions required of short term/long term parking.
- Discussion around whether there would be any incentives for increasing bike parking above requirement (like trading one car space requirement)
- Proposal includes possibilities for waivers by committee
- The first presentation at the Planning Board on May 15 is not a public hearing and the Board can decide whether to allow people to speak, but always OK to submit written comments to the Board

III. Not anything big going on for Go Green Month but there will be Bike Week activities

IV. Bike Ride – May 19

- Maps are here! Look great!
- Volunteers needed to supervise food – Taylor and Tegin agreed
- Photographers needed- Sam will recruit
- Leads and Sweeps needed

V. Transit race (Amy) from Somerville Bike Committee and Livable Streets

- Still looking for celebs {update: found, will include mayors of Somerville (at start) and Cambridge (at end)}
- Race is May 14th
- Start will be at Red Bones, end TBD {update: will be at Genzyme in Kendall Square}
- Committee votes to be a co-sponsor

VI. Carole reported out on senior group survey. Seniors decided no changes needed. Survey will be going out. Small group of seniors, bike committee members and pedestrian committee members will eventually meet to review. Volunteers needed. Catharine volunteered.

VII. Kendall Square meeting

- Taylor and Tegin went last night. Small group breakout sessions to discuss Main Street. Discussion of more busses in the area (people wanted). Many mixed use ideas presented.
- Feel free to submit additional written comments about area and use, including to further voice opinions on the Triangle Park Intersection.
- Committee had drafted a letter that was never sent – discussed reviving that letter and send.
 - Cara will send to Taylor who will work on draft.

VIII. BU Bridge

- a. MASS DOT is considering (under heavy pressure from BU and City of Boston) shortening/partially eliminating bike lanes.
- b. Committee may author letter in support of original plan
- c. Communication channel not entirely clear, but could consider individual letters too