

CAMBRIDGE BICYCLE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Minutes

Attendees: John Goodman, Melissa Shakro (MIT), Randy Stern, Ari Ofsevit, Sean McDonnell, Mike Proscia, Jim Wilcox (DPW), Jon Adams, Andrea Williams, Ingrid Schorr, Anne Marie Biernacki, Cara Seiderman (CDD)

Guests: Nate Fillmore, Rachel Dias Coulton

I. Minutes of last meeting approved

II. Roadway Projects

- a. There are a great many projects and a special meeting will be scheduled to discuss these. Projects include: Garden Street; Participatory Budgeting Projects (Inman Sq done, Central Sq intersection marking not done). Garden Street may include new sharrows with dotted line “bike lane guides” similar to what is on Lakeview Ave now, or some variation thereof.
- b. DPW update
 - a. Huron full depth reconstruction starting soon, will take over a year to complete (but will only be gravel for a few weeks)

III. Events + Committee Work

- a. PARK(ing) Day – Friday, September 16 – have 14 people but more help needed for setup in the morning, we will leave 6 feet between the 8 ft barriers to reduce deatup/takedown effort, we have volunteers for noon to move the tent across Mass Ave, Anne Marie has other details well planned. Cara has a new vertical banner to highlight the separated bike lanes. Other banners on dividers will say “Cambridge Bikes!” and “Bike Positively!”
- b. BowTie Ride – Sunday, September 25 – John has ride and food planned, Randy will work at food location, John has communicated roles to all volunteers. John asks all to take pictures to share.
- c. Report from Outreach/Social Media Subcommittee – no one here to report back
- d. Bicycling Magazine likely to have Cambridge in Top 10 biking cities in next issue.

IV. Projects review and committee discussion

- a. Review of PB #315, MXD Infill Development Concept Plan -Planning Board Hearing is September 20. This is a huge project on the bloc bounded by Broadway, Galileo Way, Binney St, and the 6th St extension, including residential towers of 20-30 stories. Bike parking meets zoning requirements, but is located on 6th floor of parking garage, with elevator access shared with peds. The scale of the project is large – one of the bike parking areas has 374 bike spots. Concern was raised that the elevator will be a huge inconvenience and bottleneck for getting bikes in and out at rush hours – If 374 bikes take 1 minute each, that would be 6 hours to remove all bikes... Moving the bike parking to the ground floor would be a much more positive outcome for

cyclists, at very low cost in parking convenience. The 6th street extension will include a 2 way cycle track separate from walking path that will connect to Ames Street cycle track to the river.

b. Traffic Counts and Crash Discovery – the city fall count planned for today was postponed due to rain. A meeting will be planned with pedestrian, bike, and transportation committees to discuss pros (better info for planning better evidence on crashes) and cons (surveillance) of cameras for monitoring traffic and crashes at intersections and elsewhere. Perhaps tie benefits into Vision Zero campaign.

V. Announcements, Upcoming Meetings

- a. Monday, September 19: Joint Meeting with Ped and Transit Committees – review of projects in construction or near construction
- b. (Tentative) Thursday, September 29: Watertown-Cambridge Greenway – at Ped Committee meeting ([Watertown-Cambridge Greenway](#))
- c. NB: October meeting date is CHANGED due to holiday; will be **Wednesday October 19-5**
- d. DPW cookout Thursday at Russell Field