

### **Attendance**

Committee Members: Joel Anders, Jon Anjaria, Mark Boswell, Amy Flax, Alison Harris, Dien Ho, Gloria Huangpu, Patrick Lynch, Qian Mei, Scott Olesen, Todd Robinson, Rebecca Simonson, Randy Stern

Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Jim Wilcox (DPW), Stephen Meuse (TP&T)

Guests: Caroline Passalacqua, Emily Decker, Meital Hoffman, Darryle Ulama, Gavin Lund

People introduced themselves. October Minutes were approved

### **Spooky Spokes ride debrief**

- Big success, 130 people, festive, fun prizes, kids were adorable, obstacle course worked out well, lots of help from city and bike committee folks
- Next time
  - More prizes, one for every kid (could have used spoke lights this time as prizes rather than “swag”...)
  - Better marking of ride route, especially end/turn around point
  - Music! High school band?, Second Line Band?, Ken Field band?

### **Committee strategic work plan**

- Last year accomplishments
  - Engaged community with bike rides, spring, fall, spooky spokes, bike plan
  - Started reviewing bike plan and suggesting enhancements
  - Sent volunteers for bike light giveaways and bike counts
  - Represented bike committee on other city working groups - Grand Junction Path, River Street Reconstruction, Vision Zero Task Force
  - Sent letter of support for quick builds, and letter to state legislature supporting traffic safety bill
  - Provided city development projects comments throughout year
  - Represented at state legislative roundtable
  - Developed business ties, e.g., Crimson Bikes, Bicycle Belle
  - Liaised w city officials, public health, DPW
  - Supported Inman Sq redesign work by initiating small business/Instagram contest
- Project planning for this year
  - Brainstormed list of possibilities
  - Reviewed and grouped them, and obtained volunteers
  - See list at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aznFHo-axGh3gsH2itKMe-w14KUdhNVcDsgWM6sXGmw/edit?usp=sharing>

### **Development project review**

- 87-101 CambridgePark Drive
  - Materials distributed before the meeting
  - Decided to write letter from Bike Comm to planning board in support of:
    - Sidewalk level separated bike lane adjacent to project on Cambridgepark Drive. Cambridgepark Drive is very crowded with car traffic at peak hours.
  - “Alternate bike path through MBTA easement”, which is critical to connect safely to the Fitchburg bike path. Without this, a short bike path leading from

Cambridgepark Drive dumps cyclists and pedestrians using the path into a street and parking area with no bike infrastructure, which would be a very unsafe zone between the separated bike lanes on Cambridgepark Drive and the Fitchburg path

- Ryan suggested asking about weather protection for short-term bike parking
- River Street Reconstruction
  - Monday 11/18 joint review meeting w ped and transit committee
  - Tuesday 11/19 Second Public Meeting
- Grand Junction Path
  - Meeting date for December not set yet

### **DPW projects**

- Paving done for this year due to cold
- Paved Concord Ave from Bond to Huron
- Utility work ongoing on 6th St and Highland Ave
- Starting DPW work in Inman Sq next week after gas work is complete
- Cottage and Magazine St sewer work over winter
- MIT/Ames Street is paved but not fully marked yet for a 2-way bike lane. Temporarily, for the winter, there will be a one way bike lane Northbound, and sharrows southbound. This project is on the city web site - see <https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/Projects/Transportation/amesstreetseparatedbicyclelaneproject>

### **TP&T projects**

- Separated bike lane on Broadway leading to Longfellow Bridge now open
- Next year pedestrian crossings will be raised, slowing vehicle turn speeds across bike lane
- James St contraflow lane installed from Mason to Brattle
- Berkeley St to Mason from Concord now has sharrows (current recommended route from Garden to Harvard Sq. is Garden to Berkeley to Mason to James to Brattle)

### **Next meeting**

- Dec. 11 joint pot luck with ped and transit committees, plus discussion of how to work together over the coming year.