

Cambridge Bicycle Committee
DRAFT MINUTES of Meeting on 4/14/2010

- I) Attending::Ellen A., Eric B., Joan F., Richard H., Megan K., David M., Mara M., Steve M., George P., Randy S., Peter S., Walter W., Henry L., Cara S., Kathy M., Jim W., Adam S.
- II) New members introduced
- III) February & March minutes approved

EVENTS

- IV) Our Own Bike Ride on Sat. May 22
 - a. from 10 to 2, start/finish at Camb. Commons
 - b. Henry, George, Ellen, & Heather (who is doing the graphics & layout) were thanked for all their work
 - c. City staff will create annotated map, Finale will provide food.
 - d. Heather will include logo or name of food donor on brochure as well as “coupon” for follow-up discount
 - e. Urban AdvenTours will provide bike mechanic & 10 free rental bikes (if given 48 hour advance notice – need to add info to web and/or send it out on bike ride announcement list.
 - f. Volunteers –
 - i. Sweeps: _____ & _____
 - ii. Pointers – everyone on Bike Committee should be prepared to “point”
- V) Kids on Wheels; SwissNex, May 1st
 - a. From 2 to 5 pm on May 1 on Ellery St.
- VI) City Smart Family Day & Bike Rodeo
 - a. In North Camb. behind Peabody School, from 1 to 4 pm
 - b. Urban AdvenTours will provide tech. support
- VII) Bike Week // Cyclist Appreciation Day
 - a. Friday, May 21 – give away to cyclists
 - b. Volunteers needed for our 3 locations – contact Stephanie Anderberg, sanderberg@cambridgema.gov

LOCATION REPORTS

- VIII) Charles River Bridge Program
 - a. Continuing concern about state commitment to giving bike/ped equal facilities and attention.
 - b. A letter was sent to DOT from the Bike Committee
 - c. George P. and Steve M. will create bullet points for Committee members to use when they call legislators
- IX) Western Ave.
 - a. Project Mgr will come talk to Bike Committee again at future meeting

- b. Series of community meetings & walks being done – an extensive public input process.

X) River St.

- a. Request for city to re-examine street markings from bridge to Putnam Ave.

XI) Concord Ave

- a. question about the design of the outbound cycle track; interested members can follow up by looking at designs in detail.

XII) Binney St.

- a. Planning Board approved the developer's proposal.

XIII) Putnam Circle

- a. Developer wants to interpret city regulation on bike parking to allow them to only have 2'x6' spaces behind doors in small entry hallways.
 - i. Steve M. will draft letter for Committee, as this doesn't provide adequate facilities.

[Update: developer modified plans.]

SAFETY REPORTS

XIV) Police Crash Reports

- a. 30 incidents since Jan. 1; including 2 doorings on passenger side this month; as number of cyclists increases in warm weather, incidents are up.

XV) Bus Safety

- a. Boston fatality raises issues of cycling around buses
 - i. Don't pass when bus is moving!
- b. Ken was re-approached by MBTA as follow up to his efforts to get them to use the west coast video last year...T is looking for training ideas.
- c. George P., Joan Friebeley & Henry will follow up to brainstorm further work on bike/bus safety awareness.