

Cambridge Bicycle Committee
May 12, 2010

Present: Ellen Aronson, Viola Augustin, Leonardi Aray (visitor), Eric Batcho, Stuart Dash (CDD), Alex Epstein (visitor), Iram Farooq (CDD), Megan Krey, Henry Lewis (CPH), Tom Meek, Mara Miller, Kathy Murphy (CPD), George Perkins (vice chair/took minutes), Chris Porter, Cara Seiderman (CDD), Adam Serafin (MIT), Randy Stern, Peter Stokes, Christopher Vaughan (visitor), James Wilcox (DPW).

I. Minutes, Agenda Review

1. No changes to previous minutes
2. Add to Agenda: safety awareness campaign.

II. TROMP (Melanie Arzt)

1. TROMP is a non-profit, led by Rozann Kraus.
2. Its goal is to level the playing field for all users of the road.
3. MassDrive Insurance Group offers a discount to those who complete a 2 hour bike safety course, which Shane Jordan/MassBike will run.
4. Committee suggestions to TROMP to get the word out: get involved with Bike Week (next year), send email with MassDrive info to the bike committee, consider advertising (by MassDrive?)

III. Cambridge Riverfront Planning Study

1. Stuart Dash and Iram Farooq presented Cambridge Community Development Department goals and findings of the Cambridge Riverfront Planning Study.
2. The study broke the riverfront into several sections, each with its own issues and opportunities.
3. Current challenges: few benches, few tables
4. Goals: places to linger, places to gather, improved access.
5. Recommendations:
 - a. Improvements along DCR-owned river frontage—benches, kiosks, trees, look-outs.
 - b. Maintain/enhance tree canopy
 - c. Encourage welcoming/active ground floor uses along the waterfront
 - d. Improve pedestrian flow to river
 - e. Improve bicycle flow to and along river
 - f. Analyze feasibility of additional boat access
 - g. Support regular events/activities that bring people to the river

IV. Go Green Month and City Smart

- A. May 22 Committee Bike ride: Henry has enough volunteers, but more are welcome.
- B. May 21 Commuter Appreciation Day: one more volunteer needed.
- C. June 12 CitySmart Family Day: volunteers needed. Mara Miller volunteered.

IV. Reports, Updates, Meetings

A. Construction and Public Works

1. Jim reviewed list of large projects.

B. Police Report

- a. 18 crashes, all cited except for one. Including: 8 dooring (two were passenger doors), 2 left turns, 1 with bike to right of bus, 3 on Hampshire Street. Per Kathy this is a normal quantity of crashes for this time of year.

C. Accelerated Bridge Program

- a. George to meet with Peter Furth to study underpass feasibility.

- b. Per DOT schedule, 25% design meeting is scheduled for May/June 2010. [Conceptual Design meeting is shown on DOT schedule at April/May 2010, but no notice received.]
- c. Powerpoint available at:
http://www.eot.state.ma.us/acceleratedbridges/downloads/030910_Presentation_RiverWester.pdf

D. Safety Awareness Campaign

- a. George passed around proposed ideas for new bus shelter campaign.
- b. Committee members to email George if they wish to join subcommittee.
- c. George will review the MassBike Same Road/Same Rules webpage.

V. Next Committee Meetings

- 1. Next meeting date: Wednesday June 9, 5:30-7:30 pm.