

Draft Minutes of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee Meeting, September 14, 2011

Present: Richard Holton, Catharine Hornby, Andrea Williams, Jim Wilcox, Randy Stern, Adam Serafin, John Goodman, George Perkins, Ellen Aronson, Peter Stokes, Viola Augustin, and Sam Lipson.

Guest: Joel Paula

August minutes were circulated and all agreed to officially approve at the October meeting. Send corrections to be Cara.

Thanks were extended to those who have organized Oct 2 bow tie ride. Since the Honk festival will take place on the same weekend, a decision was made to shorten ride to 10.5 miles, 120 mins. The ride will start at 10.30. It is expected that this will be a smaller ride than spring. Volunteers were organized to speak, lead, follow, and photograph.

DPW report from Jim. Questions raised about high manhole covers at JFK and Mt Auburn; it was pointed out that steel plates had been left in Green Street with gaps between them. The Huron Ave project (Huron B) requires consultation. There was a suggestion to make a trip out there as a committee.

Cara reported on some current projects. Anderson Bridge design with bike lanes moving forward. Hawthorn signal still uncertain. There was dismay over the postponement of Green Line ext. Bike share coming on slowly, after having been very successful in Boston. Full launch expected in Cambridge in spring 2012 in 22 locations.

Cara reported on the appointment at Harvard of two Loeb fellows who might be of interest to committee members: Aaron Naparstek (Streetsblog) and Ian Lockwood (a traffic engineer concerned with calming). Naparstek will present, with Clarence Eckerson, the Streetfilms Movie Night: Monday Sep 19th 6.30 - 8.00.

Viola reported on the Kendall Sq renovations. Discussion had focused on land use issues: housing, labs, MIT etc. There is a proposal to extend Third St through Point Park and on to Main St. It was agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss this.

There was a brief discussion of the high work load falling on the committee. Catharine thanked everyone for all the work they are doing.

George raised the issue of North Mass Ave. (Harvard Sq to Alewife). In the section from Harvard – Porter Sq bike lanes are reportedly going in within a year (roadwork funded by Leslie and Harvard because of construction projects they are undertaking). The question arose of what to do North of Porter. George floated the possibility of a single white line to indicate both parking and a bike lane. However, it was pointed out that this is not approved by the committee: it tends to make cyclists ride too close to parked cars. There was agreement that it would be good for George to talk to Wayne Amaral.

Committee members were encouraged to attend the City Council's Traffic and Transportation committee meeting, everything about bikes, at 5.30pm.

Cara reported back from Carole S. that the Council on Ageing is enthusiastic about meeting with the bike committee. The enthusiasm was reciprocated.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 12.