

## **Draft Minutes of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee Meeting, October 2011**

Present: Cara Seiderman, George Perkins, John Goodman, Carole Sousa, Richard Holton, Adam Serafin, Bill Connolly, Ellen Aronson, Randy Stern, Jim Wilcox, Viola Augustin, Andrea Williams, Catharine Hornby, Devin Mann  
Visitors: Tegin Teich, Matt Schrupf, Jed Jeng

The August and September minutes were approved.

Visitors introduced themselves.

Thanks were offered to the organizers of, and participants in, the Bow tie ride. Very successful ride with 158 participants. Catharine suggested that we maintain a smaller Fall ride and a larger Spring ride. This is better for sponsors (who can be asked just once a year); and better for volunteers. The plan is to get going with the Fall ride in July; and on the more complicated Spring ride straight after Fall one. There was a call for volunteers to organize Spring ride for Sat May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am start. Possible themes: African American History; Food; Science; Film. John agreed to investigate the possibility of a science ride, perhaps tied to the Science festival and the MIT and Science Museums. Ellen volunteered, once again, to organize food. Suggestion to route the ride along new bike paths. Fall ride possible date: Sep 30<sup>th</sup>.

Jim gave the DPW report. Final work is ongoing before winter puts its oar in.

There was a request for volunteers for the Charles River Basin System connectivity meetings. Andrea may be able to go to Tuesday. The bike committee has in the past published a report on needed improvements (fixing pavement, widening path, improving connections). DCR has responsibility, but drainage problems on the road have implications for the path.

Bridges: Magazine St bridge renovations are starting.

Green Line extension: since it is delayed, some interim measures might be put in place. Forthcoming meeting Oct 20<sup>th</sup>.

Hubway bike sharing project: the possibility of installing a few stations in Cambridge this Fall has receded. The plan is now to put them in in the Spring of 2012.

Mass Ave: meeting with Wayne scheduled next Tuesday 18th September 4.30pm, to review opportunities for striping Mass Ave North of Harvard Sq. George will report back.

Missing wayfinding signs for the Alewife/Minuteman trail are to be replaced. Chris Porter leading review for wayfinding projects.

Various people reported back from the Mayor's reception for council committee volunteers, which was unanimously felt to be a Good Thing. Planning Board members there indicated that they welcome the Bike Committee recommendations. The possibility of joint meeting with

Pedestrian committee meeting was floated, perhaps in lieu of the December meetings of the two committees. Cara will organize by email.

Devin reported on his nasty experience being denied a place on an Amtrak train. Discussion followed. Devin will report back after consultation with Mass Bike etc. Suggestion that the committee might write to Amtrak.

A sub-committee of the bike committee met to consider the proposal to construct a road connection between Third St and Main St at Kendall Sq. The sub-committee strongly counseled against it.

The committee expressed its enthusiasm for the proposal to construct additional bike paths around North Point.

Cara reported that state legislation on lower speed limits still has not been passed, nor has legislation enabling the council to put up red-light cameras.

Carole reported on contacts with the Council on Aging. There was discussion of possible joint meetings, or of bike committee representation at some Council on Aging events: possibly a social meeting. It was suggested that any such meeting should emphasize our many common interests (getting places for bikes away from pedestrians; keeping cars away from both). A suggestion that bike committee and pedestrian committee members might attend together was well received. Carole will talk to the Council on Aging again.

The next meeting was scheduled for Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 2011.