

Minutes of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee Meeting April 2013

Present: Cara Seiderman, John Goodman, Catharine Hornby, Taylor Walker, Tegin Teich, Tom Meek, Ben Hammer, Dan Baronofsky, Viola Augustin, Brenda Pike, Katherine Howitt, Michael Proscia, David Chiriboga, Sarah Enrich, Ari Ofsevit, Randy Stern, Megan Ramsey, Peter Stokes, Kathy Murphy (CPD), Jonathan Adams, Sam Lipson, Jim Wilcox

Agenda Review, Approval of Minutes, Other Logistics

New and old members were introduced. Brief introduction to the committee, a new member orientation will take place separately.

Spring Ride

The spring ride will be 5/18/13 from 10am-2pm. We could pass out fliers at the midnight marathon ride, the night before the marathon if anyone was planning on riding. Sponsors are Urban Adventures, Quad Bikes, Sugar Babies, Jr Mints, Taza Chocolate, Whole Foods is a maybe. There will be a presentation about Julia Child at the Schlesinger Library at one of the breaks. Volunteers are needed for leaders, sweeps , setup and breakdown of tables and food. Considering asking for Hubway sponsorship and link from Bay State Bike week.

Committee Projects / Subcommittee Reports

Tegin will be leaving the committee as she is moving to Somerville, she is looking forward to participating the Somerville Bicycle Committee and collaborating with Cambridge Bicycle Committee. John Goodman and Megan Ramsey will take the lead on continuing the wayfinding subcommittee's work. The subcommittee is working on the route from Alewife to Porter and will post it for the committee's comment soon.

Taylor, Dan and Viola gave feedback on the intercept survey on Huron Ave. There were a few negative encounters as people in the community already knew what the proposal / project was and were. In the future it may be beneficial to this kind of survey before a projects starts.

Bicycle Parking Zoning Proposal

The presentation about the zoning proposal is available online:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/Projects/Planning/bicycleparkingzoning.aspx>

The Ordinance Committee was supportive of the proposal. The Ordinance committee voted to move the proposal on to the City Council. Next a councillor has to put it on the agenda. More letters and attendance by the Bicycle Committee will help move the proposal along.

DPW Update

Jim gave an overview on the DPW and how it relates to the bicycle committee for new members. The DPW will give the bicycle committee a full review of the 5 year plan at the May meeting.

Jim gave an update of ongoing work by the DPW. Work on Western Ave is ongoing will need to be coordinated with the closing of the Reid overpass for the next 6 months. The planning for the Concord Ave sewer separation project is ongoing. Next community meeting and a joint pedestrian bicycle committee meeting will happen soon. Garden St will be repaved this summer.

Cambridge Police Update

Kathy gave an update from the CPD. There have been 19 incidents with bicycle and cars this year. 4 resulted in citations for the driver. Six took place on Cambridge St. The committee would be interested in hearing more information about crash rates and statistics in an upcoming meeting.

Purrington Path Extension

This path connects to the Fort Washington Path and eventually the Grand Junction. There is vehicular traffic on this street to connect to Waverly. Question of whether it should be a shared street or to have a small separated bike path? Some people were uncomfortable with the notion of sharing given their experience that drivers were not respectful of cyclists; others felt that with limited traffic it was a viable option if designed properly. Overall there was positive feedback on continuing the path connection.

Development Projects

240 Brookline St and the MLK School project were available for committee members to comment on after the meeting.

Next Committee Meeting Wednesday May 8th.