

## **Minutes of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee Meeting September 2013**

Present: Cara Seiderman, John Goodman, Andrea Williams, Catharine Hornby, Taylor Walker, Michael Proscia, Katherine Howitt, Megan Ramsey, Matt Schrupf, Jonathan Adams, Peter Stokes, Ingrid Schorr, Jim Wilcox, Randy Stern, Brenda Pike, Kathy Murphy  
Visitors: James Paterson, One Hwang

### Agenda Review, Approval of Minutes, Other Logistics

Minutes from April, May, June, July all approved.

### Park(ing) Day

The infrastructure subcommittee has decided to host a parking spot for Park(ing) Day: <http://parkingday.org> on Friday September 20th 8am - 6pm.

Matt went over the plan and logistics for the day. The subcommittee welcomes any additional volunteers for the day and encourages people to stop by, the spot is in front of One Kendall Square.

### Bow Tie Ride

The time for the ride has moved to 10am due to a conflicting event for the CPD, the ride leaves from the Library. John went over the plan for the ride and asked for volunteers for the day of. The ride will be publicized on the email list, over facebook and committee is welcome to distribute printed flyers.

### Committee Projects / Subcommittee Reports

Matt gave an update on the Infrastructure subcommittee's projects. One is evaluating Cambridge streets for input on DPW's five year plan. The other is developing an aspirational map of what the city would look like with ideal biking infrastructure. Taylor showed her map that she made for East Cambridge and how others will be able to add to it to make progress with both these projects. Additionally the map created on Park(ing) Day will help inform the Infrastructure committee's projects.

Megan and Cara discussed a potential project for the Wayfinding Committee to take on. This would be a mapping project that allows online users to map a specific bike route. It could be as simple as providing input for Google directions or its own website. The idea behind this project is that while the Wayfinding Committee has spent time focusing on specific routes those are only helpful if you happen to be going from their landmarks and not customized for specific destinations. Randy felt this project shouldn't exclude the original goal of the Wayfinding subcommittee of identifying and signing routes. Cara pointed out that there are maintenance and implementation concerns with the signing routes and that there are a finite number of routes that can be identified. The signs for the BU Bridge to Inman Square route have still not been installed. Megan to schedule the next Wayfinding meeting.

There is a meeting with the Healthy Children's Task Force on 10/2/13 to discuss the safe routes to school effort and the idea David had for a survey of student's biking habits. Cara let the committee know about a change to the city school's wellness policy that seems to exclude walking and biking to school (along with recess) from the recommendation for middle school students. The committee decided to draft a letter saying we recommend walking and biking to school as a healthy activity for students of any age.

### DPW update

Jim gave an update from the DPW (see separate handout). The Broadway sidewalk extension is ongoing there will be 1 travel lane and 1 bike lane from Third to Ames. There is a demonstration section on Mass Ave from Linnaean St to Everett St. The work on the Harvard underpass is almost complete there will be a bike lane and improved lighting. There are open

houses upcoming for both the Huron Ave (9/19 & 9/21) and the Concord Ave (9/17) sewer storm water separation projects.

Harvard Square

There is an upcoming placemaking event to discuss the open public spaces in Harvard Square.

It will be upstairs from the Starbucks at 5:30pm pre register online.

Announcements

Kathy Murphy will be retiring from the CPD. The committee is very appreciative of all her work over the years, especially on our bike rides and we wish her all the best.

Next Committee Meeting Wednesday October 9th.