

Minutes of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee Meeting May 2013

Present:

Agenda Review, Approval of Minutes, Other Logistics

DPW Update

DPW staff presented this year's 5 year plan. The focus of the presentation was on the input by the pedestrian and bicycle committees for more specific information affecting cyclists and pedestrians in planning new projects and during construction. The 5 year plan can be found here:

<http://www.cambridgema.gov/theworks/ourservices/engineering/aboutengineering/fiveyearplandescription.aspx>

Spring Ride

The spring ride will be 5/18/13 from 10am-2pm. The ride will leave from the library at 10:15am. The committee reviewed the volunteer tasks, and last minute logistics.

Committee Projects / Subcommittee Reports

There was a brief update from the wayfinding committee. After the ride the committee will ramp up its efforts on the various subcommittees and get new members more involved.

City Smart Brochure

The committee reviewed a new bicycling brochure and provided feedback.

Bike Buddies

There was a new idea from a committee member to get involved in a Bike Buddies program where you pair more experienced riders with new riders to help people get used to biking in the city. <http://www.bikewalkct.org/bike-buddies.html>

Tour with City Arborist

The city arborist is looking to set up a small tour for bicyclist to look at some of the city's trees. If successful this could become a published self guided tour like the walking tours.

Bicycle Parking Zoning Petition

No further progress at this point it has been held up in the City Council.

Concord Ave Project

There will be a joint pedestrian and bicycle committee meeting 5/20.

Harvard Square Plaza and Jughandle

Question about the signage in Harvard Plaza was raised, some people have encountered pedestrians upset to see people biking in that location, even though that is allowed. Also the committee discussed what to do about the current jughandle at the intersection of Mass Ave and Church that allows bikes a place to pull over before making a turn onto Church St. The current island design encroaches on the bike lane making it harder for bikes that want to go straight but the committee raised concerns about deleting the island that forms the jughandle for fear it would become a place that cars pull over. The committee generally recommended making the island narrower as a compromise.

Next Committee Meeting Wednesday June 12th.