

Minutes of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee Meeting, January 2013

Present: Dani Baronofsky, John Goodman, Ben Hammer, Catharine Hornby, Amy Linné, Sam Lipson, Tom Meek, Matt Schrupf, Cara Seiderman, Carole Sousa, Randy Stern, Peter Stokes, Tegin Teich, Taylor Walker, Andrew Williams

1) Agenda Review, Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from July, October, and November meetings

2) Subcommittee Updates, Other Project Updates

Representatives from the Wayfinding and Infrastructure Subcommittees recently met to go over DPW's Five Year Plan; the document with draft comments has been shared through the Dropbox. Comments include the addition of a page describing accommodations for cyclists during road construction projects.

Wayfinding Subcommittee

Considering locations for signage in the rotary by the BU Bridge; may want to schedule a meeting with Wayne/David to go over signage – Tegin will coordinate via email. At the next subcommittee meeting, to be scheduled soon, there will be a discussion around the Alewife-to-Porter route. Tegin will also reach out to Chris Porter regarding specifics of signs.

Community Relations / Senior project

Carole is trying to set up a meeting with a group of seniors through the Council on Aging. Carole will do a summary of the survey and will follow up with the Council on Aging. There may be improvements that can help multiple road users, including seniors and cyclists.

Public Image Subcommittee

Consider a small, manageable project that reaches out to cyclists, motorists, business owners; it could involve sharing data on how much bicyclists spend at small businesses. In the spring, potentially conduct a customer intercept survey in Huron Village.

Infrastructure Subcommittee

Will schedule next meeting probably the last week of January

Spring Bike Ride

The theme will be food; the Historical Society has maps of food/candy tours

We will need food donors – think of ideas

Chris Basler in the economic development department has contacts with small businesses and might be able to help

Whole Foods has said they will donate.

3) Bicycle Parking Zoning Proposal

The Planning Board discussed the proposal briefly at their January 8 meeting but it came up late in the evening so they decided to revisit it at their January 22 meeting. If the Planning Board petitions City Council, the city council would consider and would then hold a public hearing through the Ordinance Committee. It would then go back to the Planning Board. Ultimately, City Council is the deciding body. Committee members should demonstrate support for the proposal by writing to the Planning Board (and Council at the appropriate time) and/or speak at a public hearing.

4) Meetings with City Councillors

Prior to these meetings, for those who are scheduled to participate, review talking points sent out by Helen Rose. Also, note that Bike Committee's role is advisor to the City Manager and City Departments, with the goal of making positive connections and humanizing cyclists in addition to supporting the official City policies of promoting cycling as sustainable transportation.

5) Beacon Street project

Amy attended the Somerville Bicycle Committee meeting in December as a liaison. Discussion continues about the Beacon Street project. The Somerville Bicycle Committee has submitted recommended changes to MassDOT. The Cambridge Bicycle Committee will not be writing a letter since the project is in another municipality, but individuals are welcome to write letters.

Next Committee meeting: February 13