

DRAFT MINUTES FOR REVIEW

Cambridge Bicycle Committee, June 2016

Minutes recorded by AO: Ari Ofsevit

[initials; * = in attendance]

JA: John Adams *

SB: Steve Bercu *

AMB: Anne Marie Biernacki *

AF: Amy Flax *

JG: John Goodman *

CJ: Caroline Jaffe

MVK: Mechthild von Knobelsdorff

JL: Jen Lawrence (CDD staff)

SM: Sean McDonnell *

MN: Matt Nelson (CPD) *

AO: Ari Ofsevit *

MP: Mike Proscia *

MR: Megan Ramey *

JR: Joseph Raser *

RR: Ruthann Rudel *

DS: David Soares *

JS: Justin Schreiber (CDD staff, SRTS)

MS: Melissa Shakro

CS: Cara Seiderman (CDD staff) *

RS: Randy Stern *

PS: Peter Stokes *

KW: Kathy Watkins (DPW)

AW: Andrea Williams *

JW: Jim Wilcox (DPW) *

Visitor: Kate Theodoros

I. Agenda review, Approval of Minutes, Introductions

May minutes approved (MP JG)

II. Bicycle Facility Markings

Mass Ave lane markings between Central and Harvard, between Lee and Trowbridge. Which markings do we think would work better? There's not enough space for bike lanes on both side. We could have both sides with the Broadway treatment (sharrows) or one side with bike lanes continuously. MP: Which side of the street has more cyclists? AO: lane towards Harvard ends not at a traffic light, so it makes sense to make that

continuously. The other side would have sharrows from Putnam east. DS: Cross section is 42' at the narrowest. Consistency of lane towards Harvard makes sense. AW: Seems less random.

CS: (response to question): Use bike plan when we have opportunity with road reconstruction; there will likely be specific meeting(s) to review detailed technical plans at the appropriate time.

III. Officer elections

AMB nominated for chair, JG seconds.

SB: MP as chair, AMB as vice, AO as secretary, RR seconds. Elected by acclamation.

IV. Projects & Updates

a. **Reel Ride May 21.** Went well. Food from high school was great. CPD always happy to attend. Lots of positive feedback. Riders appreciate CPD and volunteer marshals. Committee received a handwritten thank you note from a citizen. Check out Bowtie route during August ride.

b. **Watertown-Cambridge Greenway.** Committee can send comment, others can also send comments, DCR said they'd come to Committee meeting but have not followed up. SB: At 75% design, complete by end of summer, need funding, begin construction early next year. 12' width with 2' stone dust hardpack shoulders. 6' snow clearance. Lighting under Mount Auburn underpass (longer underpass). Most of the meeting attendants would like whole path lit, DCR is resistant because they don't want to set precedent for other paths. Suggested to contact local representation, and use by students. Current path ends at water treatment plant; no connection to Minuteman in this scope. Connection to Holworthy near Huron. There is some resistance from a few individuals who don't like lighting in the reservation. CS: there are options that include timed lighting, dimmed lighting, motion-activated lighting. There is no ambient lighting from roadway (which may exist on other paths), and this is a transportation corridor.

c. **Mount Auburn.** MR is on committee. Probably need a separate meeting, lots of contentiousness. Transit-bike issue. CS suggests a separate meeting to review the project, could be joint with the Bike and Ped committees. In bike plan, this is a protected facility. (*update: corridor walk for July Ped Committee meeting, bike and transit committees invited*).

d. **MIT Central Utilities Plant** (Cogen expansion). Committee focused on preserving ROW on Grand Junction. City: build pathway. MIT: no plans to build path. EOEA can require mitigation, comments can be made until June 24. Could we request GJ path as mitigation? Just because there are pinch points in other locations does not mean we should create more extensive pinch point here.

e. **Participatory budgeting** is upcoming, so get your ideas in.

f. **Envision Cambridge.** Lots of meetings happening, from committee meetings to large public meetings. No official role for Bike Committee.

g. **City Manager Search Process.** Specific focus group for committees, next Monday 5:15-6:15 at the Senior Center.

h. **Community Preservation Act.** Meetings to discuss how to spend CPA money. Housing, recreation, historic preservation, etc.

i. **Jim Wilcox.** Alewife utilities done, road left to go. Fulkerson delayed due to Verizon strike. Pearl Street starting June 9. Public toilet in Central, Harvard toilet has significant ongoing maintenance costs, vendor comes four times per day. Main St Kendall, paving June 11, 18. Newport Road upcoming. Cambridge Common almost done, June 26 “celebration” (on a Sunday). CRA portion of GJ open Jun 9, incorporate park further west (parks meeting). MIT SoMa, infrastructure package starting in July. Most work on side streets, not on Main. Cycletrack on Binney upcoming to integrate with GJ. Upcoming: Kirkland, Binney, joint project on Belmont St with Watertown.

Last year’s participatory budgeting includes bike lanes, the committee will discuss.