

## Bicycle Committee Meeting DRAFT Minutes, 11 April 2018

### **Attendance:**

Committee Members: Jonathan Adams, Anne Marie Biernacki, Mark Boswell (minute-taker), Amy Flax, Patrick Lynch, Michael Proscia, Melissa Shakro, Rebecca Simonson, Randy Stern, Peter Stokes

Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Greg Hanafin (CDD), Stephen Meuse (TP&T), Rick Riley (CPD)

Other: Angel Chidikah (Chronicle)

1. February minutes approved.

2. Review of 2017 Omnibus Traffic Bill by Peter Stokes

- Has been reduced in scope from its original draft. Now includes:
- Side guards and cross-over mirrors for tracks
- Speed limit on state roads reduced to 25 MPH
- Crash reporting
- Red rear light or reflector required
- Right of way for bike paths crossing streets
- Safe passing distance of 3 feet
- Bicycle Committee supports sending another letter in support of bill. Peter will draft letter.

3. DPW Project Updates by Stephen Meuse

- Porter Square. Keeping driveway exit
- Mt Auburn Street near Harvard Square to get new street markings; looking at whether it is possible to enable a protected turn at DeWolfe St.
- City has ordered new flex-posts that screw into metal base mounted in the pavement. Makes it easier to remove and reinstall, since the current posts cannot reuse the same holes drilled into pavement. (sample post passed around)
- South Mass Ave (Sydney St. – Memorial Drive)
- Advisory Committee for the project appointed. Randy Stern will represent Bicycle Committee.
- The fact that Mass Ave is a relatively wide street may allow for lane reconfiguration and possible transit improvements
- Still in design phase
- First meeting Thursday 12 April at MIT. Committee meetings are open to the public; there will be a larger public meeting in May.
- New food truck locations: City Hall, North Point, Erie Street.
- Ames Street to have 2-way cycle track.

4. May Bike Ride Update by Michael Proscia

- Officially named “Bikes and Bricks”. Michael and members of the related subcommittee reviewed details, rode the route, and made some adjustments.
- Some predetermined group of riders will ride ahead and act as guides, pointing

out significant points of interest along the route. In the past some riders have commented that they missed points of interest.

- Food provided by Bon Me (thanks to Patrick!).

#### 5. Position Statement draft by Randy Stern

- Committee reviewed the Position Statement expressing support for recent infrastructure improvements.
- Letter is to be attached to the Committee minutes.
- Committee members are asked to provide comments during the next week so that the message can be finalized.

#### 6. Subcommittee Status

- It was concluded that each subcommittee should create a specific plan of action before the next meeting in order to make it clear what each subcommittee intends to do.

#### 7. Summer Meetings

Usually one is a potluck/social event, the other a ride to check out recent projects. Will finalize plans at May meeting.