Community Events and Safe Routes to School - Adi Philson (CDD)

- Overview of Adi’s projects
- Bicycle Education, Youth Programs, Community Workshops
  - Online videos - virtual bike and pedestrian safety videos on youtube page
  - Bike rodeos - once or twice a year, out of school during pandemic
  - Community bike workshops - maintenance, urban cycling
- Safe Routes to Schools (2nd Grade and 6th Grade programs)
  - City owns 30 bikes used for workshops, 5 hrs per class
  - Volunteer opportunities
- Healthy Aging
  - Bike clinics, Weekly rides
  - 75 participants last year
- Rides
  - Halloween ride - needs a new volunteer leader
  - Winter bike ride - planning meeting – probably next week
- Future directions
  - Better accessibility, increased workshop regularity, more community partners
- How to get involved
  - Will email information out with list of volunteer opportunities, and outreach opportunities
  - Overlap between bike committee work and this work - Bike Committee sponsors several rides too (spring and fall citywide rides)
- Questions
  - Healthy aging program - introduce people to ebikes, trikes, etc.? - no ebikes yet, thinking about trikes, not yet available
  - Comment: E-bikes for elders would be a good educational thing to do. A - awaiting legislation on ebike definitions wrt to bikes, Bill Numbers (192nd Session): H.3457 and S.2309
  - Q: What would make seniors more comfortable riding - did people ask for separated bike lanes? - A - top issues - lack of access to bikes, physical ability, lack of comfort around cars. Did not really focus on assessing current infrastructure.
  - Seniors were 50-80, wide range, many not limited physically - A - wide range of abilities.
  - Mark volunteered with a safe routes to school event at the Amigos school - it's a great opportunity to learn how to talk to kids new to bicycling (understanding what they know/don't know). Adi could email committee members if looking for volunteers.
Cycling Without Age - community support to take seniors places on rickshaw-like bikes. Could the city buy one of these? A - good idea, maybe participatory budgeting idea, needs storage, insurance, etc.

Winter Bike Ride - last one was so much fun. Adi is looking for volunteers for this year, contact her; aphilson@cambridgema.gov.

May 21 bike ride
- [https://cambridgebikes.org/](https://cambridgebikes.org/) for history of 25 years of rides
- the ride planning document, which has served us well in the past, is here: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iowp9rY1NLjZWh7aBGYbtdNGd1GVpPIcZ59MpEWVx/edit#gid=1640542976](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iowp9rY1NLjZWh7aBGYbtdNGd1GVpPIcZ59MpEWVx/edit#gid=1640542976)
- Reviewed what the spring and fall rides are like. A lot of fun!
- Need a theme for this year’s ride, points of interest, and design the route
- 9 people volunteered to help plan and organize. Evan will help to set up the subcommittee but Committee members needs to lead

DPW update - Jim Wilcox (DPW)
- Winter slowdown
- Drainage work at Galileo and Broadway, will finish late spring/early summer
- New electric substation and Broadway and Binney -5 or 6 years of construction
- Franklin St brick sidewalks
- Gore St complete reconstruction, utility work done, in spring sidewalks
- Inman Sq surface work on hold for winter, some drainage work in progress
- Upcoming
  - Port infrastructure project, School, Pine, Cherry - working grp mtg this past morning
  - River St - will be bid in March, with start in May or June, complete rebuild, similar to Western Ave, 2.5-3 years construction
  - Willard St reconstruction in fall
  - MassAve 4 planning - utility investigations
- Questions -
  - MassAve4Public meetings, when? - A - open houses were held late fall, a video slide show is available. Feb 16 joint Ped/Trans/Bike meeting will cover MassAve4.
  - Will the T be making catenary changes? A - Talking w T, but no news to share.

TP&T (Stephen Meuse)
- [Porter Square public meeting on Jan 25, about implementation of changes in accord with Cycling Safety Ordinance](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iowp9rY1NLjZWh7aBGYbtdNGd1GVpPIcZ59MpEWVx/edit#gid=1640542976)

Public Questions
1. Ryan Tuckerman (public) - Watertown/Cambridge Greenway - will it be plowed, or is it still under construction? A - not finished yet, not be officially open yet. Portion in Cambridge will be plowed when complete. Also, DCR is managing construction.
2. John Ellersick (committee) - Greenway might be good for spring ride, if open. A – yes, just need to check if it’s officially open.
3. Mark Boswell (committee) - First St/Second St. What is the status and decision? A – Reach out to Adam Shulman (TP&T), who is the project manager

Work Plan
- Reviewed list of previous ideas/projects
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DnGbSqriX9X5zZ2FwehSbw7t2VAYjVSQ_3PzW6BFJAA/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DnGbSqriX9X5zZ2FwehSbw7t2VAYjVSQ_3PzW6BFJAA/edit#gid=0)
- People voluntered for various projects. If people have additional ideas or areas of interest, email Cara and Evan
- Additional ideas - work w Cambridge Bike GiveBack, work on expanding biking for people who don't bike with trikes, look at EBike legislation, etc.
- Members should think about ideas and bring them to the next meeting as well.

Projects committee members are interested in assisting on:
- Pamela Yang: interested helping in the Alewife Park development project
- Conor Henrie: Interested in Wayfinding/low traffic routes; Also potentially interested in Data Analysis, depending on the level of skill required
- Randy Stern: Interested in MassAve4
- Alison Harris: Interested in helping/supporting with the Community Rides
- Brennan Biemann: Mass Ave 4; also willing to help out with some of the bike rides.
- Scott Kilcoyne: happy to help with data analysis, e-bike legislation, development and infrastructure in north cambridge
- Carola Voelker: generally interested in the data analysis and bike rides. how many
  Hours per month do Committee members usually spend for the Project work and development? A: there is not a set rule, it depends on each person’s interest and availability. Some people like to work on shorter more intensive projects, others helping out a little each month over the course of the year.
- John P. Ellersick: good for bike planning, winter bike ride, porter square neighborhood focus

Reviewed upcoming public meetings
- [Porter Sq CSO improvements meeting -1/25](#)
- [Mystic River to Minuteman connection 1/26](#)
- [Ped meeting 1/27](#)
- [Bike committee - 2/9](#)
- [Joint Ped/bike/transit mtg - 2/16](#)