

DRAFT Notes 1/12/22 Bike Committee Meeting

Attending: Randy Stern, Mark Boswell, Cara Seiderman (CDD), Evan Killion (CDD), Guido Cuperus, Adi Philson (CDD), Alison Harris, Amy Flax, Anna Frebel, Brennan Biemann, Carola Voelker, Conor Henrie, Diane Gray, Eitan Normand, Jim Wilcox (DPW), John Ellersick, Julia Somerdin, Pamela Yang, Rahi Patel, Scott Kilcoyne, Stephen Meuse (TP&T), Thomas Randall, Todd Robinson

Public attendees: Joan Pickett, Katherine O'Shea, Laura Gribbell, Patrick Richmond, Ryan Tuckerman, Peter Armstrong, Stephanie McAuliffe

Minutes from last meeting - approved

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.

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- 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](mailto:aphilson@cambridgema.gov) .

#### May 21 bike ride

- <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/1iowp9rY1NLjZWh7aBGYbtbNGcl1GVpPI\\_cZ59MpEWxk/edit#gid=1640542976](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iowp9rY1NLjZWh7aBGYbtbNGcl1GVpPI_cZ59MpEWxk/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 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.

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#### TP&T ( Stephen Meuse)

- [Porter Square public meeting on Jan 25, about implementation of changes in accord with Cycling Safety Ordinance](#)

#### 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/1DnGbSgriX9X5zZ2FwehjSbw7t2VAjVSQ\\_3PzW6BFfAA/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DnGbSgriX9X5zZ2FwehjSbw7t2VAjVSQ_3PzW6BFfAA/edit#gid=0)
- People volunteered 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 bit 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](#)