

Draft Minutes of the Cambridge Bicycle Committee Meeting March 2014

Present: Randy Stern, Cara Seiderman, Brenda Pike, Katherine Howitt, Jim Wilcox(DPW), Tom Meek, Ari Ofsevit, Ingrid Schorr, Catherine Hornby, Viola Augustin, Michael Proscia, Jonathan Adams, John Goodman, Taylor Fickett, Susan Kale (CPD)

Agenda Review, Approval of Minutes, Other Logistics

The February minutes were not voted on.

Committee Projects / Subcommittee Reports

The Spring Ride will be 5/17 at 10am. The route is being finalized with CPD. The theme of the ride is arts in Cambridge, the name is TBD. The ride will begin and end at the library. Committee members are encouraged to decorate themselves and their bikes for the ride.

Crash Analysis

Jeff Parenti from the department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation presented the bicycle crash analysis he has been working on to the committee. He has collected crash data from the CPD from 2004 to 2012 along with counts of bicycle traffic. The type of data collected included the type of crash (angle, dooring, left hook etc), location, whether there was a bicycle facility, whether there was an injury, and whether a citation was issued. Using this data he analyzed the most common types of crashes and the locations around the city where the most crashes occurred (in general and scaled for the amount of bike traffic in those areas). The committee discussed the findings and also some ideas for next steps.

Garden Street Planning Meeting Update

The project is still in the planning phase. The road is not wide enough from Harvard Square to Fresh Pond Parkway to provide a bike lane the entire way. Instead of stopping and starting the proposed plan is to create a bike priority lane. This would be a special kind of pavement marking to make it clear to drivers that they are sharing the road with bicycles.

Greenough Boulevard

The committee reviewed DCR's plans to remove a car travel lane and widen the path along the river. The committee felt the plan for a 10' path seemed too narrow. We would like DCR to consider a path that would accommodate the amount of users (at least 14' plus a soft path for jogging). An alternate plan would be to repurpose the travel lane as a two-way bike lane with a barrier from traffic.

Announcements

Taylor the secretary will be leaving the committee in June; there will be committee elections in June.

Boston Bike Update, an event hosted by the Livable Streets will take place 3/31 at Faneuil Hall

There was no update from the DPW but the construction season is now starting

There is a consultant on board to start a Bike Infrastructure Planning project.

The Outreach Committee has been thinking about the Facebook page, updating it to a page instead of a group.

The deadline to sign up for parking day is 5/1/14, the event is 9/19.

The next committee meeting is 4/9; there will be a presentation of DPW's 5 year plan. It is now posted on their website.