

Cambridge Bicycle Committee, March 9, 2016

Minutes recorded by AO: Ari Ofsevit

[initials; * = in attendance]

JA: John Adams *

AMB: Ann 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 *

AQ: Allison Quatch (CDD intern) *

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 *

AW: Andrea Williams *

JW: Jim Wilcox (DPW) *

Visitors: Mark Boswell, Corby Bacco

I. Agenda review, Approval of Minutes, Introductions

February Minutes approved (JA MP)

II. Committee Work

May Ride (JG). AO sent a list, JG found 18 theaters in Cambridge, and 6 locations where films have been made. \$500 grant, and IS is working on this. This would supplement high school budget for prepared food. Name is The Reel Ride, film camera as the bike ride. Damon and Affleck's film studio is called "Pearl Street Films" and assume it's named after our Pearl Street. CS: CRA section of Grand Jct path will be open by then. Route will probably start at the library. JG and MN will talk about the best route through Central Square.

RiverFest (JL). Riverfest, June 4, Lechmere Canal. Bike groups, bike valet, floating stage, beer garden. How does CBC want to be involved? Fun, tech, awareness, tune-ups, etc. Ideas:

- Mini tours (MR, out of town). Maybe Urban Adventours? Copenhagen Wheel?
- Driver awareness and education (AW). MP: have an actual car there, or maybe EZR?
- CPD? This might be easier since it won't take up Central Square. But a lot is on State property.

PARK(ing) Day. Open house 4-8 pm Weds Mar 16th. Due date May 1. MR: look on Instagram for other examples. We don't want a straight-up tabling event. Make them look like a park or look like something different. AO: Build a cycle track, bike lane, etc. Need the idea by May 1, need to form a group, permit requests (location) by August 1, ad hoc group (MR, AW, RR, AMB)? There could be enough time to plan this out for PARK(ing) Day. Maybe reuse materials from walk/ride day thing that may happen on Mem Drive. Central Square? North Mass Ave?

Walk/Ride day kickoff April 29 at CRLS (JL), SRTS will attend.

Fresh Pond Day June 11 (JL). Young people bicycle stuff. JS planning this.

Cambridge Police (MN):

- Pedestrian fatality Porter Square, MSP lead investigation. Final results may not be available for a while.
- Woman in wheelchair struck by an auto. Suspect identified, summonsed for leaving the scene with bodily injury.
- Broadway/Hampshire off-duty police officer. Summonsed for leaving the scene with bodily injury and operating to endanger. Working with MSP and DA's office, lots of help from witnesses.
- MR (bike damaged, not personally hit), operator identified and summonsed for leaving the scene with property damage and operating to endanger.

City looking at possibility of more officially adopting "Vision Zero;" it represents what we are already doing, addressing traffic safety, infrastructure, education, enforcement, but it is a useful umbrella to explain some of the purpose of the work.

AO: good job by CPD, get the word out that Cambridge is serious about safety and zero tolerance for aggressive and hostile driving. AMB: Pattern of enforcement and respectfulness will make sure that it is not just empty rhetoric. JA: Part of outreach is that hit-and-run is a serious crime and should never happen.

What kind of messaging? Variable message boards, what are the messages, what kind of outreach. May = bike safety month. Get ideas from Twitter users. Ideas for messaging and locations. Texting and driving? JL: Cyclist right to pass on right. Parking in bike

lanes, more enforcement, please. More signs? DS: Less signage to prevent overloading. And no regulatory sign standard. Pavement markings?

Public relations/media response: References for media inquiries for frequently asked questions. Boil down complex concepts to something short and informative. Easy to find. Use Bike League stuff. SM: link biking with economic development. Edit longer pieces about importance of biking.

Development Review (CS): Combined bike/ped meeting. Will be looking to more often invite proponents to come in and talk to the groups.

III Updates, Reports, Projects

a. DPW Updates.

Construction season begins March 21 (month earlier than last year). 5 year plan presentation in May. No non-emergency work done on streets paved in past five years.

***** *Please see attached list of projects from JW.*

Pearl Street: begins May. Curb lines will not change, discussion about pavement markings, signs, etc.

Mass Ave Linnean-Upland will start this year or next.

Main Street Kendall: closed Eastbound March 15. Until July. AO: Could we have a contraflow lane on Main Street during construction?

Aggasiz: summer?

Cambridge Common finishing sidewalks, plantings this summer.

New St: Road and sidewalk work this summer

Grand Junction: open by Mem Day.

Parking lot 6 staging for Bishop Allen (behind McD's)

b. Bike safety forum

Hosted by Sen Brownsberger and Rep Hecht. MBTA, Cambridge, Boston, Truck Associations spoke. Focus bike safety, 10 stands to discuss what would help. Four legislative items expected to advance:

- Parking in bike lanes statewide
- 3 foot vulnerable user
- Biking in crosswalks on paths
- Truck side guards and crossover mirrors

Also Vision Zero, 25 MPH speed limits, transportation literacy, Chapter 90 design. Complete streets policy in order to access funding. Brownsberger wants something for bikes, Steve Miller suggested requiring new bikes to be sold with lights?

c. Regional bike committee gathering

Similar to meeting in Jan, mostly western suburbs. Somerville Neighborways/painted streets. Many bike master plans. Arlington finally going to fix Arl Ctr. Somerville's goal: be better than Cambridge. Focus on Rush Hour Race (renamed: not race).

d. Dana Park Hubway

Open house format. Please come by. Three options for curb extensions, take comments on which they prefer for each. New Hubway stations in the next year: NorthPoint near the stairs; CWD/Fresh Pond; Erie/Waverley by path extension, and others.

IV. Announcements, upcoming meetings:

May: 5 year plan

June: Officer elections

July/Aug: one ride, one meeting

DS: Howard Stein Hudson and Kittleson: Mt Auburn/Fresh Pond Parkway. They would like to talk with CBC regarding the intersection, and have a representative(s) attend their meetings. MR would like to be involved. SM as well. DCR lead.

DPW UPDATES:

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Large Projects:

Huron Contract B- Sewer separation and storm water management project.

Sewers, drain, water, curb cuts, sidewalks and paving on:

Huron Ave (Concord Ave to Fresh Pond Pkwy) – buffered bike lane included

Chilton St (Vassal Lane to Huron Ave)

Gurney St

Fayerweather St (Vassal Ln to Brattle St) – bike lane included

Granville Rd (Vassal Ln to Huron Ave)

Reservoir St (Vassal Ln to Highland St)

Vassal Lane (Alpine St to Huron Ave)

Blakeslee St

Saville St (Fayerweather St to Walden St)

Hutchinson St

Appleton St (Concord Ave to Highland St)

Royal Ave

Manassas Ave

Walden St (Saville St to Vassal Ln

Water main work of Huron Avenue.

Concord Avenue Sewer Separation Sewer separation and storm water management project

On-going utility work.

Sewers, drain, water, curb cuts, sidewalks and paving on:

- Alpine St (Vassal Ln to Garden St)
- Bay State Rd
- Birch St
- Chilton St (105/106 Chilton St to Field St)
- Concord Ave (Baystate Rd to Huron Ave)
- Copley St
- Corporal Burns Rd
- FayerweatherSt (Saville St to Field St)
- Fern St
- Field St
- Garden St (Field St to Walden St)
- Hazel St
- Ivy St
- Saville St (Walden St to Fayerweather St)
- Walden St (Saville St to Garden St)

Chapter 90, Contract 16 - paving, sidewalk, curb cuts

Mason Street- Brattle Street to Garden Street –complete

Tufts Street -Magazine Street to Pearl Street- complete

Massachusetts Avenue -Russell Street to Beech Street – done in August

Second Street - Hurley Street to Gore Street- sidewalk and paving

Massachusetts Avenue- Linnaean Street to Everett Street

Frost Street – Forest Street to Roseland Street- complete

Chapter 90, Contract 17 - paving, sidewalk, curb cuts-

Mead Street – Cogswell Avenue to Walden Street –paving in a couple of weeks

Sherman Street – Walden Street to Garden Street – road and sidewalk in spring

Garden Street – Huron Avenue to Walden Street – work complete

Longfellow Road – will be constructed as shared street – complete

Mount Auburn Street – Gibson Street to Fresh Pond Parkway – paving done

Scott Street – Irving Street to Bryant Street - complete

Irving Street – Kirkland Street to Scott Street - complete

Amory Street – Broadway to Hampshire Street – road and sidewalk in spring

Fulkerson Street – Charles Street to Cambridge Street – paving in a couple of weeks

Chapter 90, Contract 19 - paving, sidewalk, curb cuts, water valve work – Bid Opening
end of March

Pearl Street

Central Square sidewalks

Portland Loo in Central Sq.-

Chapter 90, Contract 20 - paving, sidewalk, curb cuts

Hurlbut Street

Richard Ave.

Muller Street

Mass Ave. - Linnaean to Upland

Chapter 90, Contract 21 - paving, sidewalk, curb cuts, water main

Harding Street

Kenwood Street

Lawn Street

Porter Street

Thorndike Street

Chapter 90, Contract 22 - paving, sidewalk, curb cuts

Dudley Street

Healey Street

Parker Street

Kendall Square – Main Street – Ames to Wadsworth

Work on roadway and sidewalks- Work resumes next week- east bound closed

Newport Road and Roseland Street – sewer separation, water main, road and sidewalks

Meeting in March at Agassiz Neighborhood Council

Cambridge Common/ Flagstaff Park

Curb and sidewalk working on-going in common

Includes construction of bicycle access from Peabody Street to Mass. Ave- should be open by end of June.

Reconstruction of Mass. Ave along Common– work complete

New Street and Concord Lane - Sewer separation and storm water management project

Grand Junction/ CRA project –Path and Landscaping Improvements

Port neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements- Stormwater management, utilities, surface

restoration in Bishop Allen, Columbia, Cherry, Pine area

Willard Street -Stormwater management, utilities, surface restoration