

**Cambridge Bicycle Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 12, 2023**

Here: Eitan Normand, Diane Gray, Amy Flax, Conor Henrie, Carola Voelker, Alison Harris, Randy Stern, Stephen Meuse, Scott Kilcoyne, Guido Cuperus, Cara Seiderman

Minutes of last meeting - approved

Spring Ride

- Tenzin coordinating the ride - Walter and Cara will be absent
- Planning doc - [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KMpls1bxddei0DF5z7gf-1qSLjzYKxsgLf\\_OwSmYkxl/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KMpls1bxddei0DF5z7gf-1qSLjzYKxsgLf_OwSmYkxl/edit)
- Eitan creating route - Randy to assist
- Guido looking into Magazine Beach
- By April 24th, need theme, points of interest, and route
- Committee members need to sign up in the spreadsheet referenced in the doc above for “day of event” duties

April 15 - Spring bike tuneup and Bluebikes event

April 29 - Mayor's bike bonanza

Mass Ave Four - Harvard Square Area

- Separated bike facility at sidewalk level
- Bus lane to left
- Floating bus stops
- Cut through from JFK street past the kiosk to connect to Mass Ave
- Jughandle to Church St continues
- Better connection to Flagstaff Park - no longer move to left side lane, but new bike crossing
- How to connect southbound bikers from Science Center on the sidewalk to get into the square?
  - Option one - add a special crossing near flagstaff park to get from yard to Mass Ave south
    - Has plus of keeping bikes further from pedestrians by going to short contraflow lane
    - Keeps bikes away from Johnson Gate congestion
    - Lets people doing from Flagstaff Park connect to contraflow lane
    - Potential conflicts with people heading north to Flagstaff
    - This option was preferred by several bike committee members
    - Idea to add a new crosswalk from Flagstaff to West side of Mass Ave to head south, rather than creating contraflow lane
  - Option 2 - add 2 way bike lane down to jughandle crossing, and use that
    - Simpler, more straightforward, with connection to existing crossing near jughandle
    - Sidewalk will be widened, bus shelter will be moved to bus boarding island, so there is a bit more space than now for pedestrians to stay away from bikes
  - Option 3 - cross in front of Portland Loo – but not enough space really in front of the loo
- Tricky crossing southbound past slip lane onto Garden St, thinking of design ideas
- Could the slip lane from Harvard St to Mass Ave North be eliminated? Will look at that again.

## Linear Park

- Current design direction is an intersection not a roundabout for bikes at sharp turn near MBTA headhouse, also making turn much less sharp

## TP&T

- Brattle St Phase 2 (Sparks to Mt Auburn) - work has started
- Main St - open house and first community meeting held. 2nd meeting will be held at Newtowne Court
- Created report on Garden Street minor improvements for City Council. Turn restrictions (for traffic reduction) and alternate side parking (for speed control) are options for Raymond St. Recommendations are due to the City Council by May 30.
- Replacing damaged flex posts
- Garden St Bike Counts (Scott Kilcoyne did analysis)
  - Large increase in cyclists from October to February and down a little in March - up to 3X in February
  - Maybe numbers impacted by nicer days for counting in February and a wetter day in March...
  - We have historic data from Garden and Concord, city could do some comparisons
  - There will be a report of what it looks like today once the new lanes have been in for a year

2022 bike counts should be available soon - but there were some challenges, eg in Inman Square

## DPW Updates

- Lots of work on Broadway and Binney Streets
- Work on Vellucci PLaza is getting done this spring
- Gore St and North Point
- Harvard Sq Plaza - work on hold waiting for MBTS action
- Port Infrastructure - design and public outreach ongoing, concept for contraflow bike lane on Harvard St still a possible concept, but not publicly presented as an option yet
- Mass Ave 4 Working Group will begin meeting soon

Summer - may do ride or BBQ to get together in person

Announcement by a committee member - There will be a rally to ask DCR to open Riverbend Park (Memorial Drive) to cyclists and pedestrians on Saturdays this year. Open space along Memorial Drive first started as a pilot in 1975, and became an incredible success and beloved community asset. Despite an extensive public process in 2022 which identified overwhelming public support, and a 7-2 city council vote, the DCR has now canceled this Saturday access.

Join this rally to show our policy makers how much we care about access to our parklands and community open space.

Rally at Riverbend - Saturday April 29th

Welcome - 1:00PM

Program - 1:30PM

Memorial Drive @ the Weeks Footbridge

Sign up link is below:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rally-at-riverbend-tickets-611662347547?can\\_id=7f1308a8a00a793c4fe09b394667ce5a&source=email-take-action-memorial-drive-closures-are-again-in-jeopardy&email\\_subject=things-you-can-do-this-week-to-win-back-memorial-drive&email\\_referrer=email\\_1876801\\_subject\\_2387253&link\\_id=2](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rally-at-riverbend-tickets-611662347547?can_id=7f1308a8a00a793c4fe09b394667ce5a&source=email-take-action-memorial-drive-closures-are-again-in-jeopardy&email_subject=things-you-can-do-this-week-to-win-back-memorial-drive&email_referrer=email_1876801_subject_2387253&link_id=2)