

## **Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)**

Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2010

Submitted by John Dempsey

The meeting took place in the Devotion School library at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Tommy Vitolo, Don McNamara, John Dempsey, Chris Dippel,

Transportation Board Representative: Bill Schwartz

Public: Rebecca Albrecht, Peter Furth, Sibyl Senters, Peggy Ueda, Rich Nangle

Handouts: Agenda, Bike Parade survey results, Drafts of possible signs for Longwood Avenue

### **The minutes from the May 3, 2010, meeting were approved.**

#### **Bike Parade Review – Dempsey/All**

- Mr. Dempsey reported on a successful parade.
- There were about 550 participants between both parades (420 on Beacon and 130 at Cottage Farm).
- Cottage Farm needed more parade marshals, another group leader, and earlier placement of barricades.
- Don created a post-parade electronic, 10-question survey.
- Almost eighty people responded to the survey in the first 48 hours.
- The survey showed positive reactions and good suggestions.
- Several people wanted to keep the Cottage Farm route option.
- Discussion of how to engage more high school students and their parents.
- Suggestion to target students in grades 5-8.
- Suggestion to contract with MassBike to offer bike safety sessions in schools.
- Suggestion to extend the length of the parade to Chestnut Hill or to Kenmore Square or to the Public Garden.
- Mr. Dempsey will contact Brookline Bank about being a major yearly sponsor.

#### **Proposed list of projects for Transportation Board tracking**

- Discussion of projects for CIP that would have budgets in the range of \$35-40,000.
- Does Cypress Street south of Boylston Street qualify? (concern about dips in road from water service connections in the area of Kendall Green/Kendall Street to Franklin Street)
- Connections to Boston's bike paths at Jamaica Pond and Perkins Street and the Muddy River Path.

#### **Bike Lane Violations Follow-up**

- Seventh grade students presented to the Transportation Board calling for a \$50 fine for drivers who park or stop in a designated bike lane.
- Endorsed by Police, Transportation Board, and the BAC.
- Students will make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen.
- The BOS will make the final decision.

#### **Regular discussion of bicycle issues at the Transportation Board**

- Mr. Schwartz will ask Mr. Sandman to make "discussion about bicycle issues" a part of every agenda.

#### **Discussion about Parkway Road/Netherlands Road Improvements**

- Mr. Vitolo will report to the Transportation Administrator on suggestions for modifications in signage/markings.

**Discussion about signage to explain sharrows/dashed lines on Longwood Avenue**

- Discussion to be continued at July meeting.

**Discussion about reinstating “No Parking, 7-9 A.M.” on Beacon Street inbound from Charles Street to Carlton Street or St. Mary’s Street**

- Signs stating “No Parking, 7-9 A.M.” were taken down during reconstruction of Beacon Street.
- Is that regulation still on the books?
- Is peak traffic really at 9:15 A.M.?
- Should there be sharrows at Hawes Street and from Carlton to St. Mary’s?

**Follow-up**

- South Street – bids are coming in/July construction planned
- Mountfort Street – Going to bid
- Longwood Avenue Bike Lanes – 2010 or 2011
- Bike Lanes on Cypress Street – see above

**Next Meeting**

- We will meet on Monday, July 12, 2010, at 7 P.M. at Devotion School.

**Adjournment:**

- We adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

**Assignments:**

- Mr. Dempsey will contact Brookline Bank about being a major yearly sponsor of the bike parade.
- Mr. Schwartz will ask Mr. Sandman to make “discussion about bicycle issues” a part of every agenda.
- Mr. Vitolo will report to the Transportation Administrator on suggestions for modifications in signage/markings at Netherlands Road and Parkway Road.
- Mr. Vitolo will chair the July meeting.