

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

Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2010

Submitted by John Dempsey

The meeting took place in Room 111 in Town Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Cynthia Snow, Tommy Vitolo, John Dempsey

Absent: Chris Dippel, Mitch Heineman, Don McNamara, Bill Schwartz (Transportation Board Representative)

Public: Peter Furth

Handouts: Agenda, Priority Projects to Improve Bicycling in Brookline

### **The minutes from the June 7, 2010, meeting were approved.**

#### **Review of Summer Activities**

- Mr. Dempsey reported that Brookline Bank committed \$1000 for the 2011 Bike Parade.

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

- After much discussion about whether explanatory signs were needed and, if needed, what form they should take, the Committee decided to recommend the following:  
Yellow, diamond shaped signs with the wording “[Bicycle symbol] allowed full use of lane.”
- Such a sign would be consistent with what the Boston consultant was recommending for Boston streets. The Committee felt there should be some consistency.
- There should be an educational effort to inform bicyclists and motorists of their rights and responsibilities in such situations, e.g. handouts to motorists and bicyclists.

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

- Discussion about Projects to Improve Bicycling in Brookline
- Discussion about pushing for bicycle lane markings on Cypress Street south of Boylston Street.

#### **Brookline 2010 – Climate Week, January 2011 – ideas for BAC participation**

- Climate Change Action Brookline invited BAC participation in a week of environmental awareness in January.
- The Committee felt that our participation should be about explaining and advocating for a Brookline/Boston bicycle network.

#### **Proposals for new projects**

- Ms. Snow reported that the Aspinwall Hill Neighborhood Association would like BAC participation at the annual Schick Park Green Picnic on Sunday, October 3, 2010.
- Discussion about a South Brookline Greenway plan including a presentation to the Transportation Board as early as September 2010.
- Discussion about long range visionary planning for bicycling infrastructure.

#### **Next Meeting**

- We will meet on Monday, September 13, 2010, at 7 P.M. at Devotion School.

#### **Adjournment:**

- We adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

**Assignments:**

- Ms. Snow will inform Mr. Kirrane about the BAC recommendation about explanatory signage on Longwood Avenue.
- Ms. Snow will follow-up with Mr. Schwartz about making “discussion about bicycle issues” a part of every Transportation Board agenda beginning with the September 2010 meeting.
- Mr. Dempsey will reserve rooms for the 2010-2011 meetings.
- Mr. Dempsey will contact Brookline Bank about increasing their \$1000 commitment to help sponsor the 2011 bike parade.

**Calendar of Meetings: Brookline Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) 2010-2011**

Edward Devotion School  
345 Harvard Street  
Brookline, MA 02446

7:00 – 9:00 P.M. (First Monday of the month)

Requested room: Library or Staff Lounge

Monday, September 13, 2010  
Monday, October 4, 2010  
Monday, November 1, 2010  
Monday, December 6, 2010  
Monday, January 3, 2011  
Monday, February 7, 2011  
Monday, March 7, 2011  
Monday, April 4, 2011  
Monday, May 2, 2011  
Monday, June 6, 2011  
Monday, July 11, 2011