

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

Meeting Minutes for September 13, 2010

Submitted by Don McNamara

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

Present: Cynthia Snow, John Dempsey, Mitch Heineman, Don McNamara, Tommy Vitolo, Bill Schwartz (Transportation Board Representative)

Absent: Chris Dippel

Public: Rebecca Albrecht, Peter Furth, Janice Kahn, Marian Lazar, Deb Ritter

Handouts: Agenda, Priority Projects to Improve Bicycling in Brookline

### **Discussion on Chestnut Hill Square project (Route 9 and Florence)**

- Janice Kahn and Marian Lazar discussed the current state of the Chestnut Hill Square project.
- The developer of the project has filed a project change with MEPA and public comments are due tomorrow, September 14, 2010.
- After much discussion the committee voted to draft a letter to the transportation board asking to provide input and guidance to the developer's efforts around traffic calming and bicycle accommodations. The main points of the letter were decided and Cynthia Snow will draft the letter.

**The minutes from the August 16, 2010 meeting were approved.**

**Cynthia Snow was re-elected as Committee Chair for 2010-2011**

### **Discussion on expected warrant article on transporting children on bicycle**

- Town Meeting member Seymour Ziskend has proposed a warrant article prohibiting transporting children as passengers on bicycles.
- Bill Schwartz felt the transportation board should ask the Bicycle Advisory Committee for input and will propose this at the next Transportation Board meeting.

### **Discussion on public education on shared bike lanes**

- The committee discussed the flyers to be distributed.
- The flyers were edited in the meeting. Cynthia Snow will update the flyer and send the version to the committee members.

### **Discussion on list of projects for Transportation Board tracking**

- Tommy Vitolo announced that Todd Kirrane was able to get funding for hitch bike racks.
- Tommy Vitolo announced Todd Kirrane will be seeking 3 bicycle related components in the upcoming CIP: \$10,000 for 50 more hitch style bike racks, funding for completing the striping of bike lanes on Harvard Street from Route 9 to Alston border, funding to stripe bike lanes on Cypress Street.
- The committee discussed the best way to categorize the list. Bill Schwartz volunteered to organize the list.

### **Discussion on Bike Counts**

- Bike counts are to be done the week of September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Monday thru Thursday on a sunny day.
- Count locations were discussed and a count will be added in the JFK Crossing section of Harvard Street.
- Cynthia Snow is coordinating the bike count effort.

### **Next Meeting**

- We will meet next on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 7 P.M. at Devotion School.

### **Adjournment**

- We adjourned at approximately 9 P.M.

### **Assignments**

- Cynthia Snow will draft a letter to the Transportation Board to ask that the committee provide input to the Chestnut Hill Square development.
- Bill Schwartz will propose that the Transportation Board asks the Bicycle Advisory Committee for input on the proposed warrant article concerning bicycle seats for children.
- Bill Schwartz will reorganize the list of projects for Transportation Board tracking.
- Cynthia Snow will coordinate the bicycle count

## **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, 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