

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2010

Submitted by John Dempsey

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

Present: Cynthia Snow, John Dempsey, Chris Dippel, Don McNamara, Mitch Heineman

Absent: Tommy Vitolo, Bill Schwartz (Transportation Board Representative)

Public: Rebecca Albrecht, Peter Furth, Peggy Ueda

Handouts: Agenda, *Bike Lanes: Information for Bicyclists/Motorists*, Priority Projects, Draft of Bike Count Summary

The minutes from the October 4, 2010 meeting were approved.

Discussion about Advisory Committee subcommittee hearing about warrant article #12 - Snow

- Ms. Snow and Mr. Vitolo attended the subcommittee hearing.
- Ms. Snow spoke.

Public education about shared bike lanes - Snow

- Ms. Snow made some modifications to the handout.
- No plan about how to distribute except to distribute it at “Green” events.

Bike counts – Snow

- Ms. Snow and Mr. Dippel will review the numbers for accuracy.
- Ms. Snow will try to set the summary up so it shows numbers for three years in a row.

Follow-up

Discussion about the Green Routes Plan - All

- General agreement that the narrative is very good.
- Suggestions for changes in the narrative should be sent to Ms. Snow.
- Mr. Heineman cautioned not to make the narrative too long.
- Mr. Furth said revising the narrative might be helpful for those who have not yet read it.
- A subcommittee will meet to update the projects spreadsheet. (Snow, Furth, Dempsey)

Comments on Chestnut Hill Square project

- Comments were sent to the Transportation Board.

Bicycle accidents - Snow

- Ms. Snow will contact Officer Sullivan about accident reports.

Open Space Plan - Dippel

- Mr. Dippel reported that next meeting of the Open Space Plan committee is November 30, 2010.
- Mr. Dippel hopes to have language he can share with the BAC before the December meeting.
- Discussion about different interpretations about the purposes of the Open Space Plan.

Other business

Discussion about request from Climate Change Action Brookline for BAC participation in January 2011 event(s) - Dempsey

- A Green Routes/visionary presentation by Mr. Furth with clever use of computer graphics?
- Bicycle films/street films? Concentrate on High School and upper elementary students?

Discussion about Bike Parade - Dempsey

- May 15 works as a possible date.
- Discussion about alternative routes or extended routes.
- Discussion about having a *cilcovia* instead.
- Mr. Dempsey reported that Brookline Bank will donate \$1000, and we need at least another \$1500 to cover expenses such as graphic artist, printing, entertainment, refreshments.

Infrastructure issues

- Chokers/Bump outs on Stedman Street – December agenda
- Request from Test Kitchen for bike parking in town-owned parking lots.
- Ms. Snow will ask Mr. Kirrane for his reaction.

BAC members speaking publicly - Snow

- Caution that when we speak publicly we are not speaking for “the Town of Brookline.”

Next Meeting

- We will meet next on Monday, December 6, 2010, at 7 P.M. at Devotion School.

Adjournment

- We adjourned at approximately 8:30 P.M.

Assignments

- Ms. Snow and Mr. Dippel will check Bike Count numbers for accuracy.
- Ms. Snow will try to set the summary up so it shows numbers for three years in a row.
- Ms. Snow, Mr. Furth, Mr. Dempsey will meet to update the Greenway projects on 11/5.
- Ms. Snow will contact Officer Sullivan.
- Mr. Dempsey will begin process to reserve May 15 for the Bike Parade.
- Ms. Snow will ask Mr. Kirrane for his reaction about bike parking in town-owned parking lots.

Open Meeting Rules

- A meeting must be posted to the Town Calendar at least one week before the meeting is to take place.
- Must include time, location, and agenda in pdf format, contact person, and contact e-mail address.
- Within two subsequent meetings we must post to the website a copy of the minutes in pdf format.
- An email will be sent to all TMM and other officials about the meeting.
- Therefore, Todd Kirrane needs information from BAC 1 ½ weeks before the meeting.