

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

Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2011

Submitted by Chris Dippel

The meeting took place on the Devotion School lawn at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Cynthia Snow, Chris Dippel, Mitch Heineman, Tommy Vitolo

Absent: John Dempsey, Don McNamara, Bill Schwartz

Public: Linda Keesan, Josh Safer

Handouts: Agenda, List of Suggested Contraflow Projects, Revised Green Routes List

### **The minutes of the June 6, 2011, meeting were approved.**

#### **Submission of articles to the TAB/Patch/Hub**

Ms. Snow reported that she had drafted four articles of general interest to both cyclists and motorists and had submitted one to the TAB where it (and others) may be published--space permitting. The members discussed other topics for articles, which will also be posted on the BAC website. Possible additional topics include: focus on streets used by both cyclists and motorists, doing errands by bike, using bike lights.

#### **Review of Contraflow and Green Routes Plan projects**

Ms. Snow distributed these lists of projects and Mr. Vitolo mentioned several updates of projects that had been completed or are in process. The proposed contraflow lanes will be on the next Transportation Board agenda

#### **Bicycling on the sidewalk**

Ms. Keesan arrived and spoke about her concern, prompted by both her and her husband being hit by bicyclists, usually "kids," on sidewalks in front of their residence on Beacon Street and near the Dunkin Donuts in Coolidge Corner. The members noted current state law prohibiting biking on sidewalks in commercial areas, the need for police enforcement, and BAC activities to educate the public about the laws governing bicycle use.

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

With Mr. Safer, from the Transportation Board, the committee discussed strategies for getting projects on the Green Routes list completed, including eliciting advice from the Advisory Committee on budgeting. Small projects that can be done as part of general road maintenance and repairs are not a major issue. However, as many of those projects are completed, it can be more difficult to win funding for larger projects that are nevertheless very important to improving the cycling network throughout Brookline, making cycling safer, and reducing conflicts between motorists and cyclists. The committee will continue to work on refining the Green Routes projects and discuss how best to prioritize those projects.

#### **Other business**

The following is proposed as the meeting schedule for 2011-12: September 12, October 3, November 7, December 5, January 9, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6 [?]

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 12, 2011, at 7 P.M. at Devotion School.

**Adjournment:** Approximately 9 P.M.