

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

Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2012

Submitted by John Dempsey

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

Present: Cynthia Snow, Chris Dippel, Tommy Vitolo, Mitch Heineman, Don McNamara, John Dempsey, Officer Sullivan (Police liaison)

Absent: Bill Schwartz (Transportation Board Representative)

Also Attending:

Public: Peggy Ueda

Handouts: Agenda, 2011 Crash Data, Draft: Regarding Enforcement of Public Safety Rules and Laws

## **Introductions**

### **Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- The minutes from the April 2, 2012, meeting were approved.
- Mr. Vitolo reported that the BAC Minutes previous to 4/2/12 have been loaded onto the official Town of Brookline website in addition to the BAC website.

### **Bicycle Accidents, 2011 – Officer Sullivan**

- Officer Sullivan distributed 2011 Crash Data that included the date, the location, whether anybody had to be transported to a hospital, whether the cyclist was wearing a helmet, whether it was the cyclist's or the motorist's fault, and whether it was a "dooring."
- Officer Sullivan will urge officers to provide more details in their reports of bicycle accidents.
- Officer Sullivan will check to see if the new ticket books list "Parking in a bicycle lane."
- Officer Sullivan will see if any bicycle lane citations have been recorded.

### **CIP Funding for Bicycle Projects**

- Ms. Snow and Mr. Vitolo reported about the discussion and votes of various committees (Advisory Board subcommittee, Advisory Board, Board of Selectmen) in favor or against the full funding and the timing of the \$75,000 appropriation for bicycle infrastructure (Washington Street, Dudley Street, and Park Street) listed in Article 8 for the spring 2012 Town Meeting.
- Both the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Board voted in favor of the proposed allocation with the condition that the Park Street contraflow (connector) lane not be striped until after December 31, 2012.

### **Town Meeting Warrant Article on Contraflow Lanes**

- Mr. Vitolo reported on the discussions, information sessions, and changes to Article 23. The Article now calls for a resolution about the public process for adding contraflow lanes.
- Mr. Vitolo reported, parenthetically, that the St. Mary's Street Bridge (owned by MassDOT) will include a contraflow when it is rebuilt.

### **Bike Parade (May 20)**

- Mr. Dempsey asked members to take and distribute more posters and post cards.
- Mr. Dempsey continues to solicit food vendors for the event.

### **Enforcement**

- Based on a discussion of whether the BAC had some responsibility to educate riders and provide guidance for enforcement of laws governing bicycles, Mr. Dippel submitted a draft of recommendations to be forwarded to the Transportation Board about enforcement and education. The goal of the recommendations would be to maximize the safe use of the Town's ways. The draft has sections on the following: use of sidewalks, bicycle parking, marked and unmarked lanes, and behavior at intersections.
- Ms. Snow will schedule the August 6 meeting to be at the Public Safety Building and she will invite the Bike Patrol officers.
- The discussion will be continued. No action on the draft.

### **Parking Day (September 21)**

- There was a discussion about how the BAC could provide value to the community/benefit to the public by participating in a ½ space on Friday, September 21, 2012.
- Ideas included having stationary bikes, show how bike parking increases store visits, record people "telling their stories" about bicycling in Brookline.

### **Summer Meetings**

- Ms. Snow will set the agenda for the June 4 meeting.
- Mr. Dippel will chair the June 4 meeting.
- We will not meet on July 2, 2012, but expect to meet on Monday, August 6, 2012.
- Ms. Snow will inform Mr. Kirrane about those changes.

### **Other Business**

- Over/Under:
  - Mr. Dippel spoke about inviting the design firm Over, Under to the June 4 meeting. The company specializes in integrated projects (e.g DeCordova Museum, Boston Society of Architects, Wentworth Institute)
  - The firm would be willing to discuss and make recommendations about the basic question "What do cyclists need to get around Brookline?" (e.g. way finding)
  - Mr. Dippel will invite a member of the firm to the June 4 meeting. Education
- Mr. Vitolo raised the question of how the BAC could help educate cyclists. The Committee discussed a couple of ideas: Putting positive messages on bike racks (e.g. Lights at night, Stop at red) from the BAC. Using the Web.
- Ciclovía in Quito, Ecuador
  - Mr. Heineman showed slides and video of his daughter and he enjoying the weekly ciclovía with 40,000 other participants.

### **Next Meeting**

- We will meet next on Monday, June 4, 2012, at 7 P.M. at Devotion School.

### **Adjournment**

- We adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

### **Assignments**

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