

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

Meeting Minutes for October 1, 2012

Submitted by John Dempsey

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

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

Absent: Don McNamara, Officer Sullivan (Police liaison),

Also Attending:

Public: Cecelia Cobb, Marissa Benjamin (BU), John Bowman, Rebecca Albrecht

Handouts: Agenda

## **Introductions**

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

- The meeting minutes from the September Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting will be approved at the November 5 meeting.

## **Recommendations to Transportation Board**

- Ms. Snow and Mr. Vitolo met with the Transportation Board on September 27, 2012.
- Free-flowing discussion of infrastructure work to be done.
- Priorities: 1) Finish lanes and sharrows on Longwood from Harvard to Sewall, 2) Extend the bike lane inbound on Beacon from Winchester to Webster, 3) Add sharrows on Beacon Street starting at St. Mary's and working out as far as the money goes.
- Staff will work on these, but we need to stay on top of the projects.
- Transportation Board wants to invite recommendations for siting of bike racks.
- Can Don put together a survey?
- Removable stanchions on Netherlands at Aspinwall were tried. Problem might be Water Department trucks trying to make the turn when cars are parked at the right curb.
- Repaving projects "plan" is more of "an order of good ideas."
- Restriping of Beacon bike lanes after MWRA project is completed. Will the lanes be wider or have a buffer or remain the same?
- No Parking, St. Paul to Carlton, 7-9 am. The removal of the restriction was a concession for parking spaces taken during the renovation of Beacon Street. Therefore, any change requires a public hearing.
- Ms. Snow will do a parking count on Beacon Street between St. Paul and Carlton Street.
- The Transportation Board wants recommendations about how to promote bike safety and rules of the road.
- We already do tables at events, email messages, Twitter feed. Others suggested BCU-style coffee events for cyclists, inserts in water bills mailing, an opinion piece (600 words) in the Brookline TAB.
- Mr. Kirrane requested help with the wording of signs, (e.g. Alternatives to "Share the Road")

## **Bicycle Counts for 2012**

- Ms. Snow will compile and report in November when she gets all the counts in.

### **Updates to Green Routes Bicycle Network**

- Ms. Snow hoped the BAC would work on updating the plan.
- Mr. Bowman asked about the plan and differences between the 2008 and 2012 versions.
- There was a discussion about way-finding signs. They must be comprehensive and carefully done.

### **Climate Week 2013, Saturday, January 26 – Sunday, February 3**

- Discussion about how BAC could contribute.
- Showing Street Films was one idea.

### **Follow up**

- Parking Day, September 21, 2012.
  - Our parking spot was on Harvard Street in front of J.P. Licks.
  - There was very little use of the rack during the day.
  - Mr. Heineman's Green Routes map was quite popular.
  - Ms. Snow interactions with passersby were roughly in three groups: those who were annoyed by bicyclist behaviors, those who wanted a version of the map, and those who would like to bicycle in Brookline but felt it was just too dangerous.

### **Other business**

- The Bike Parade is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2013

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

### **Assignments**

- Ms. Snow will do a parking count on Beacon Street between St. Paul and Carlton Street.
- Ms. Snow will draft a piece for the Brookline TAB about bicyclist behaviors.
- Ms. Snow will compile the 2012 Bicycle Counts.