

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for February 4th, 2013

Submitted by Don McNamara

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

Present: Cynthia Snow, John Dempsey, Don McNamara, Chris Dippel, Tommy Vitolo

Also Attending:

Police Bicycle Patrol Officer: Sergeant Mark Trahon

Public: Rebecca Albrecht, Peggy Ueda, Mitch Heineman

Handouts: Agenda

Introductions

Discussion and Approval of Minutes

- The meeting minutes from the January Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting were approved.

Discussion of Bicycle Parade

- Mr. Dempsey discussed food vendors for the bicycle parade
 - b.good has expressed interest in being a vendor.
 - Culinary Cruiser, the vendor from last year has committed to sending more people and promises not to run out of food this year.
 - Erin Gallentine, Parks Director, will be making a decision over the next couple weeks if the food trucks will be an option or not.
- The website parade dates are out of date and need to be updated as soon as possible. Mr. McNamara and Mr. Vitolo will update the site.
- The parade route is still undecided. Mr. Dempsey will be discussing the parade route with the police liaison. Mr. Heineman will produce some 8x11 maps to aid in the discussion.

Discussion of Updates to Green Route Plan

- The committee discussed adding improvements to the left turn from Harvard Street onto Station Street.
- The committee discussed adding improvements to the left turn from Longwood Avenue onto Chapel Street.
- The committee discussed clarification of slow/connecting streets in the plan.
- The committee voted to approve the changes to the Green Route Plan.
- The committee discussed bicycle rack requests.
 - One location could be on Harvard Street. In front of Healthworks Fitness would be a good location based on observation.
 - One possibility is to put a bicycle rack in the area adjacent to the crosswalk at Green Street and Harvard Street.

Discussion of Climate Week

- Ms. Snow discussed her experience staffing the Bicycle Advisory Committee table at Brookline's Climate Week event.

Discussion of Emerald Necklace Improvements

- Mr. Vitolo reported on the Emerald Necklace crossings.
 - The project is currently up the vote of the town selectmen.
- The committee discussed the proposed Route 9 crossing.

Discussion of Police Policies and Enforcement

- Sergeant Trahon stated that Town Counsel and the Police Department are reviewing the specific bylaw cited for enforcing rules about sidewalk use and if the bylaw applies to bicycles or not.
- Sergeant Trahon distributed the Patrol Division Bike Unit 2012 Annual Report.
- Sergeant Trahon distributed Captain O'Leary's memo regarding the Bicycle Enforcement Program.
- Sergeant Trahon distributed a copy of the current Brookline bylaw ticket containing the list of bicycle bylaw infractions.

Capital Improvement Plan

- The committee discussed the CIP funding for 2014.
 - The Transportation Board has approved the bike lane on Beacon Street from Park Street to Webster Street and the bike box for the left hand turn onto Centre Street, as well as sharrows along Harvard Street where no bike lanes are possible.
- Ms. Snow reported that we need to have our plans for the next CIP cycle ready by the end of the summer. This includes a plan description and a dollar amount.

Other Business

- The committee discussed a request to send a message regarding residential solar installations to the bicycle parade's email list. The committee decided not to send the message because it was not directly related to bicycling.
- Mr. Vitolo reported the Hubway locations for next year will likely be Coolidge Corner, Brookline Village, Washington Square, and JFK Crossing. The location by Town Hall will be removed.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Assignments

- Mr. McNamara and Mr. Vitolo will update the parade information on the website.
- Mr. Heineman will provide maps for Mr. Dempsey's meeting with the police liaison.
- Mr. Dempsey will meet with the police liaison to discuss the bicycle parade route.