

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for May 6th, 2013

Submitted by Don McNamara

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

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

Also Attending:

Police Bicycle Patrol Officer: Sergeant Mark Trahon

Public: Cecelia Cobb, Rebecca Albrecht

Handouts: Agenda, Bike Accident Map, Bike Theft Map

Introductions

Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- The committee reviewed and approved the minutes for April 2013.

Discussion of the Bicycle Parade

- Mr. Dempsey provided extra post cards to those who needed them.
- Mr. Dempsey said that more parade marshals are needed to help with traffic control.
- Mr. Dempsey requested that we show up to Amory Park at noon to help with the parade.
- Mr. Dempsey and Sergeant Trahon discussed the possibility of having bicycle registration at the parade. They concluded the idea was good but would require too much police manpower for the day of the parade and we should keep it in mind for next year's parade.

Discussion of Bicycle Regulations

- The committee discussed the proposed regulations.
- The changes proposed by Ms. Snow were voted on and approved.
- Ms. Snow reviewed an additional article for car regulations specifically regarding interactions with bicyclists, which were also voted on and approved.

Discussion of Bicycle Accident Data

- Sergeant Trahon presented the bicycle accident data for 2011, 2012 and 2013 year to date.
- The committee discussed the accident data.
- Mr. Vitolo asked if we could gather address number information for Beacon Street accidents to better determine on which side of Beacon Street the accident occurred.

Discussion of Lee/Clyde Street Recommendations

- Mr. Vitolo and Ms. Snow presented the Lee and Clyde Street bicycle improvements as approved by the Transportation Board.

Next Year's (FY2015) CIP Funding Discussion

- The committee discussed prioritizing projects for future work. These include:
 - Beacon Street from Marion Street to Westbourne Terrace
 - Cypress and School Streets
 - Newton Street and Grove Street from Clyde to Putterham Circle
 - Bicycle parking accommodations.

Other Business

- The committee discussed a request by Solarize Brookline to send a message to our mailing list. The committee decided that the mailing list should only be used for bicycling related content.
- Ms. Albrecht summarized her observations of how bicyclists react to car doors opened in a bike lane.

Next Meeting

- Our next meeting will be Monday, June 3rd.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.