

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

Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2013

Submitted by Chris Dippel

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

Present: John Dempsey, Chris Dippel, Tommy Vitolo

Not Present: Cynthia Snow, Bryan Decker, Don McNamara, Officer Mark Trahon, members of the public

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

- The committee reviewed the minutes for May 2013 but did not have a quorum so the minutes were not approved.

### **Report on the Bicycle Parade**

- John reported that overall the parade went well with about 566 participants including 125 in the short route. There was excellent participation by the Brookline police including the bike patrol, bike shops (four all of which expressed an interest in returning next year), the DJ, civic groups (e.g., Brookline Historical Society, Boston Cyclists' Union), and town departments (e.g., Parks, Recreation). He also noted that Cecilia Cobb's help with the social media was excellent.
- John noted the two problems: more marshals were needed with experience and better control and leadership of the short route.
- The committee discussed improvements: asking for CERT volunteer marshals sooner and providing all marshals with an instructional video and assigning a committee member to handle marshal organization, another for video and photography, and PR.

### **Discussion of Sites to Visit at the July Meeting**

- The committee discussed several sites: Cypress north of Route 9, School Street, the left turn onto Station, and the alternate Bike Parade route (need description from John).

### **Follow-up**

- New design for intersection of Lee and Warren Streets (approved by Transportation Board)- discussion was put off until the July meeting to allow review of the plan (Chris will resend to the Committee). Tommy thought that the northbound segment of Lee Street past the Warren intersection could be improved by the addition of a side walk and curb cuts.
- Bicycle Regulations and review business district definitions- discussion was put off until the July meeting to allow review (Chris will resend to the Committee)
- CIP funding (FY15)- Tommy noted that the Beacon beyond Summit evaluation will not be completed in time for inclusion and that our items are needed by the end of August.

### **Other Business**

- Tommy noted that one way to increase use of appropriated funds and to increase bike parking infrastructure is to add the purchase and installation of meter hoops to each project "as funds allow."
- John described the Boston Bike Party and thought a similar or related event could be organized in Brookline.

### **Next Meeting**

- Our next meeting will be Monday, July 1, in **Room 111, Town Hall**

### **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.