

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2015

Submitted by John Dempsey

The meeting took place in the Town Hall Room 408 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Cynthia Snow, John Dempsey, Don McNamara, and Thomas Vitolo

Absent: Chris Dippel, Bryan Decker, Sgt. Mark Trahon,

Public: John Bowman, Mitch Heineman, Mary Dewart, Bob Nesson

Handouts: agenda, notices of Climate Week events such as the 3R Depot and *Power to the Pedals* film, draft of flier to announce a public meeting about bicycling in Brookline, draft of Brookline Bikes card

Introductions

- Ms. Snow introduced Ms. Dewart and Mr. Nesson.

Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

- The committee reviewed and voted to approve the minutes from the December 2014 meeting.

Climate Week film: Power to the Pedals

- Mary Dewart and Bob Nesson presented their plan for a showing of Mr. Nesson's 30-minute film *Power to the Pedals* at the Coolidge Corner Theater on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 7 p.m.
- Mr. Nesson will forward an electronic version of the flier to Ms. Snow so we can send it to the BAC email list.

Update on FY2016 CIP Projects

- Bike accommodations for Clyde-Newton-Goddard approved by T Board with an addition suggested by Mr. Englander of the T Board to add a dotted line to guide bikes taking a left from Clyde St. onto Newton St.
- Bike lanes/sharrows on St. Paul St. from Beacon St. to Commonwealth Ave. and bicycle boxes at the intersection of Beacon St. and St. Paul for "two-stage" lefts approved by the T Board.
- Bike box on Aspinwall Ave. at St. Paul St. approved by the T Board.
- Bike racks (single and multiple) approved if money is available.

2015 Green Routes Plan – Final review of 2015 revisions

- One change to those already proposed: cycle tracks rather than bike lanes on Babcock Street to be prepared for major transportation link in Allston,
- For future consideration: markings on the MBTA reservation crossings on Beacon St., other intersection treatments.
- The Committee voted unanimously to forward the Plan to the Transportation Board at the T Board's January meeting.

Proposed public meeting on Bicycling in Brookline

- Questions were raised: 1) What do we want to accomplish? 2) How should it be publicized? 3) Should we try to include people from the surrounding communities? 4) Who should moderate it?
- Basic agreements:
 - 1) The Police representative could talk about enforcement and data gathering.
 - 2) The Transportation Board representative could talk about their mission to balance all modes of transportation.
 - 3) The Transportation Department representative could talk about how they do their work.
 - 4) The Bicycle Advisory Committee representative could talk about the Green Routes Plan

- 5) Remarks by each presenter will be 7 minutes or less.
- 6) There should be an independent moderator – possibly Michael Dukakis, Roger Lipson, or Scott Cassell
- 7) There will be plenty of time allowed for questions and comments.
- 8) Town Hall room 103 would be the best site.

DCR roads in Brookline – West Roxbury Pkwy and Hammond Pond Pkwy

- Ms. Snow has been in touch with Andreae Downs from Newton who will be coordinating response from groups outside of Boston, Cambridge and Somerville.
- Ms. Snow raised the idea of an off road/shared use path adjacent to each parkway, as outlined in the Green Routes Plan; she suggested reviewing these in more detail at a future BAC meeting.

Bike Parade (Sunday, May 17, 2015)

- Mr. McNamara will update information on the website.
- Mr. Dempsey will send 2014 photos to Mr. McNamara.

Follow Up

- Beacon Street Hill – Marion to Washington, Transportation Department is still analyzing the data.
- League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community application – Ms. Snow created a draft of the application but she needs technical information from the Transportation Department before she can submit it. That information has been delayed and we will miss the February 15, 2015 deadline for spring submission. She plans to make the submission for fall consideration.
- Gateway East
- Bike card – Ms. Snow distributed a draft of the bike card. She will present it to the Transportation Board for approval, and she will ask if the Transportation Department can pay for the printing costs (approximately \$250 for 5000 cards)
- Beacon Street bike lane extension inbound to Webster and sharrows where there are no bike lanes: will be installed next April. Ms. Snow will follow up with Mr. Kirrane about Mr. McNamara's suggestion for a two-stage left turn at this intersection rather than a bike box.

Other Business

- The first meeting of the Complete Streets Advisory Group set up by the Board of Selectmen and chaired by Mr. Wishinsky will be on Monday, February 12, 2015.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the BAC will be Monday, February 2, 2015. (This will include a presentation by Mr. Caro about pedestrian improvements.)