

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2016, Town Hall Room 408 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Kristin Schreiber

Present: Cynthia Snow, John Dempsey, Tommy Vitolo, Kristin Schreiber, Sgt. Brian Sutherland

Absent: Bryan Decker, Don McNamara, Nathaniel Fink

1. Bike parade

- Timing: vendors set up at 11:00; 12:15 line up; 12:30 parade start; back at 1:10 for vendors/party at Amory; everything wrapping up by 2:30
- Intersections that need extra support in Cottage Farm: Amory, Worthington and Egmont
- Cruisers on Beacon at St Paul, Harvard St, Washington Square
- MBTA help at Cleveland circle
- Board of selectmen approved parade, were invited to come.
- Parade marshals- looking for volunteers, need 43 total
- Need help lining up cyclists, someone to lead the Cottage Farm route (Neil Gordon might have ideas)
- Need card tables
- Giveaways: Bike lights (Paul Wacnik and kids can help put these on), ankle straps, backpacks
- Need photographers- up on ladder to get a good shot of group
- Send announcement to local bike groups

2. Livable Streets Emerald Necklace technical assistance application

Brookline is a finalist; will seek a time to meet with Livable Streets group; Kristin Schreiber and John Dempsey will join meeting with Cynthia Snow and Todd Kirrane. Ideas for Hammond Street: Explore possibility for shared path along street (must be open 24 hours to be useful to commuting cyclists); would connect to Soule and Dane Parks and to already approved bike lane to Skyline Park from roundabout; connection to Baker School would be good.

3. Bike racks in Brookline parks and open space

Erin Gallentine, Director of Parks and Open Space is responsible, has installed good quality racks at Heath School and High School and has plans for staff-installed racks at Waldstein (and other parks). BAC willing to give advice about priority sites for racks and specific locations at sites, e.g. at Soule Park and Driscoll School. Corey Hill also mentioned.

4. Discussion of community relations for redevelopment projects in future.

Informed by our experience with Babcock Street residential reaction, propose that we have a more proactive strategy for community engagement in future projects in residential areas, including some outreach. Maybe get some outside help in understanding community engagement, e.g., talk to Planning Department for advice.

5. Open Items: Brief reports

- DPW putting Babcock off for 1 year, so need further discussion
- Beacon St budget appropriation: main motion is to use regular paint for trial period; then install more permanent thermoplastic if trial is deemed success by Transportation Board
- BU theatre - big transformer being put in at corner of Essex and Dummer Streets that will reduce visibility; hope this can be changed
- Traffic demand management proposal submitted to Kara Brewton; she may go before Transportation Board this month
- LMA- David Read at Dana Farber has become an advocate for safer biking in LMA; regular bike summits are proposed (Anne Lusk spoke at last one; Read produced a video previously circulated); eager to cooperate with Brookline on routes to LMA, e.g. bike lanes on Brookline Avenue
- Grand Junction Path, rail with trail, Cambridge about to do work on this; Transportation Board may indicate interest; sense of BAC meeting is supportive
- Walk your bike signs being installed in business areas

Next meeting: Monday, June 6, 2016, 7 PM, Room 408 Town Hall