Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2016, Town Hall Room 408 at 7:00 PM.
Submitted by Kristin Schreiber

Committee Members Present: Bryan Decker, Nathaniel Fink, Don McNamara, Kristin Schreiber, Cynthia Snow, Tommy Vitolo, Sgt. Brian Sutherland
Absent: John Dempsey
Others Present: Mitch Heineman, Hugh Mattison, Lucy Mack

1. Minutes of the June 2016 meeting were approved as circulated

2. River Road Study Committee/development project
   - Hugh Mattison, a member of the River Road Study Committee, described the site and noted the importance of providing safe space for pedestrians as well as the desirability of a cycle track along the Route 9
   - The plan presented at the public hearing showed a cycle track
   - BAC will send a letter to the Transportation Board requesting support of cycle track

3. BAC organization and reappointments
   - Don McNamara will not seek reappointment but will continue to help with website
   - John Dempsey is considering whether or not to seek reappointment
   - Post openings in September
   - Cynthia Snow would like to have a new chair (or possibly a co-chair)
   - Continue to meet on Mondays (Wednesdays in case of holidays)

4. Possible projects for CIP budget for FY 2018 discussed
   - Hammond St, although a future target, unlikely to be ready for 2018
   - Improve Longwood medical area access from north
   - South Brookline- bicycle amenity on Newton/Grove to Beverly, as a connection between Baker School and Larz Anderson and other areas of N. Brookline, like the high school
   - Harvard St: numerous gaps in bike infrastructure should be filled
   - BU Theater Project at Essex and Dummer: BU zoning conditions include design of intersection and cycle track (possible CIP request to build)

5. Green Routes Plan: Projects/Revisions for 2017
   - Importance of maintaining infrastructure, e.g. Dudley contraflow repaved, lines not repainted
   - Cycle tracks—designs, concerns, possible locations
   - Signage, e.g. “change lanes to pass”
   - Intersection safety
   - Filling gaps in bike lanes and other network elements, e.g., Netherlands Road between Parkway and Muddy River path, Harvard St.
   - Updating infrastructure (e.g., double yellow lines for contraflow lanes)
   - Map showing types of bicycle accommodations on Brookline’s Streets
   - Consider language on one way streets allowing two-way bike traffic with signage to allow bike entry

6. Updates/Reports:
   - Beacon Street westbound, Marion St to Westbourne Terrace- awaiting approval from Mass DOT; importance of moving forward (especially light timing at Lancaster) emphasized
   - DCR Paths/Parkways Committee--Hammond Pond Parkway-- plans may include off road pathway
• Fisher Avenue—approved, work in progress, Park will be open later this month
• Greenough Street--approved
• Newton St (Horace James Circle to Newton Town Line)--approved
• Spring 2016—Route 9 crossing for Emerald Necklace Paths (work in progress)
• FY17—One bike corral

7. Other business
   • Bike counts in September
   • Getting a category for cycle hazards on Brookonline

8. Next meeting: Monday, August 1, 2016

2016 meeting dates, all meetings in Room 408, Town Hall: (First Monday of the month, except as noted):
January 11, February 1, March 7, April 4, WEDNESDAY May 4, June 6, WEDNESDAY July 6, August 1, WEDNESDAY September 7, October 3, November 7, December 5