

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

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

Submitted by Kristen Schreiber

**Members present:** Tommy Vitolo, Nathaniel Fink, John Dempsey, Kristin Schreiber, Cynthia Snow, Bryan Decker, Officer Brian Sutherland (police liaison)

**Public:** John Bowman, John Harris, David Kroop, Hudson Doyle

1. **Three BAC openings:** Among characteristics we would like to see: expertise in transportation engineering, social media, event planning, town meeting member, representation of a broad cross section of community demographically
  - Posting will go to TAB and in email to everyone on BAC list (1,400+)
  - Applications go to Todd Kirrane, who will forward them to us for review in October
2. **Projects for FY2018 CIP funding:** Transportation Dept is doing an estimate of the cost of Essex-Dummer intersection for submission for CIP funding
3. **September Bike Counts**
  - All intersections are assigned.
  - Next time, counting left turns at Beacon and the following intersecting streets: Washington, Harvard, Carlton; would be good to estimate need for bike boxes
  - Before next year, evaluate the counting project for possible changes
4. **Green Routes Plan: Projects/Revisions for 2017 updates**
  - Hammond Street— Together with Livable streets will hold a workshop in late winter/early spring to solicit community input for proposal for Hammond street
  - Will spend more time on Green Routes Plan in coming meetings to prepare revisions for 2017
5. Report on Coolidge Corner safety study: Organized by Mass DOT, Walk Boston, and Mass Bike, to look at ways to improve safety in this area for all users--report will be coming out soon. Cynthia Snow, Dan Martin (Transportation Dept), Abby Swain (PTAC), Scott Englander (Transportation Board) were among Brookline participants
6. **Brook-on-line categories:** Would be good to add a couple more bike related categories, such as: "Bike lane issues" (e.g. Glass in bike lane, Obstruction in bike lane, Bike lane lines gone/faded) and Bike facility issues (e.g. Damaged bike racks)
  - Kristin Schreiber will talk to Town IT ( Kevin Stokes)
7. **New bike corral in Coolidge Corner** near Upper Crust Pizza: discussed mechanisms for getting feedback on this including soliciting feedback through blast email; will revisit in October regarding whether to have flyers attached to bikes in the corral directing to website for feedback or getting some kind of count of usage.
8. **Updates**
  - Beacon Street westbound, Marion St to Westbourne Terrace- pending approval from DOT to install this fall (as preferred by Town Meeting) or next spring
  - Traffic Demand Management Proposal – Cynthia Snow and others met twice with Kara Brewton, who is developing final proposal

- Hubway update: Contract currently being negotiated with possibility of more stations for Brookline; may be considered by Town Meeting next spring. Will include update (and free Hubway trial on Saturday, Sept 10) in blast email

9. Other business

- Upcoming talk: Climate action Brookline: “Bicycles as a Climate Solution” by Dr. Kaufmann from BU earth sciences program; Town Hall 103, 7 pm, Monday September 12<sup>th</sup> (will include in blast email)
- New law just passed on reducing speed limits in cities and towns; will be warrant article before Town Meeting

10. Next meeting: Monday, October 3, 2016

**2016 meeting dates**, all meetings in Room 408, Town Hall: (First Monday of the month, except as noted: WEDNESDAY September 7, October 3, November 2016 date is changed to WEDNESDAY, November 2, December 5.

**2017 meeting dates**, all meetings in Room 408, Town Hall: (First Monday of the month unless noted): WEDNESDAY, January 4; February 6; March 6; April 3; WEDNESDAY, May 3; June 5; WEDNESDAY, July 5; August 7; WEDNESDAY, September 6; October 2; WEDNESDAY, November 2; December 4