

Brookline Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2018, Town Hall Room 408, 7:00 PM

Submitted by Cynthia Snow

BAC members present: John Bowman, Cynthia Snow, Mark Lowenstein, Tommy Vitolo, Bryan Decker, Brian Sutherland (police liaison),

Members absent: Jacob Meunier, Kristin Schreiber, Jonathan Kapust (Transportation Board liaison)

Public: John Harris, David Kroop, Jules Milner-Brage

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Bike Parade (tentatively, Sunday, May 20)

- John Dempsey, the organizer for the last 10 years, has decided not to continue this labor-intensive activity. BAC members expressed gratitude for Mr. Dempsey's hard work in developing and continuing the parade.
- The committee hopes that the parade in its present form or some other community bicycling event can be continued this year or in the future.
- Mr. Decker offered to prepare a description of what needs to be done to organize the Parade to seek someone to take the lead on the project; the description will be posted on the BAC web site, sent in an email and twitter to the BAC list and to the Biking Brookline list.

Transportation Board Meeting

- Chris Dempsey was chosen as the new Transportation Board chair.
- Ms. Snow gave a report to the Board on BAC activities in 2017 including "Traffic Stress" presentation by Prof. Peter Furth; Climate Week Activities; Tenth Annual Bike Parade; Annual Bike Counts; Bike Lane Violation Study; attendance at Transportation Board and other meetings, including joint meeting with new Pedestrian Advisory Committee

She presented the 2018 Green Routes Bicycle Network Plan and Map, which were accepted by the Transportation Board.
- Mr. Bowman presented the results of the Bicycle Lane Violation Study, which the BAC has previously seen and approved. The Transportation Board discussed the study results and BAC recommendations for follow-up actions for nearly an hour. Mr. Dempsey supported all the suggestions made, and Mr. Bowman confirmed with him the steps that will be taken by the Transportation Department and BAC; these include
 - Mr. Kirrane will take the necessary steps for a demonstration project on Beacon St. near Washington (in front of Athan's and the Russian Math School) to prevent vehicles from blocking the bike lane. He will reach out to the businesses to discuss the project in advance.
 - Sgt. Sutherland and Mr. Bowman will work together to develop regular reports on citations for blockage of bike lanes—to be reported to the Transportation Board.
 - Mr. Bowman and Ms. Snow will do the necessary surveys and prepare draft requests for BAC review on loading zones and "no stopping" signs for bike lanes next to curbs.

Beacon Street Inbound Parking Restrictions During Morning Rush Hour

A parking restriction during morning rush hour on lower Beacon Street inbound has been in the Green Routes Plan for some time. A draft memo to Todd Kirrane and the Transportation Board

requesting the change and detailing the reasons for it was discussed and will be revised for BAC review.

Updates

- Sgt. Sutherland reported on two bicycle crashes in February: (1) Longwood and Sewall (no assistance rendered); (2) 116 Cypress where a cyclist was hit by a sideview mirror resulting in a laceration but refused assistance; the motorist stayed at the scene and information was exchanged.
- Mr. Bowman has submitted a request to Mr. Kirrane for bicycle accommodations to be developed for the FY 2020 and future CIP: Harvard, Ivy, St. Mary's, and Washington Streets.
- The Advisory Committee's Capital Subcommittee will hold a public hearing on the DPW budget for FY 2019 on March 6.
- Mr. Bowman and David Trevvett of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee will participate in an Age Friendly Cities TV Program on March 29th to describe the work of the BAC and PAC and discuss implementation of the Complete Streets Policy.
- The Select Board will hear the appeal of the Transportation Board decision on Babcock Street and Naples Road changes on Monday, March 12.
- Bryan Decker and John Dempsey will again lead a bike ride for Climate Week.
- Jules Milner-Brage continues to work on the Beacon Street "bridle path" project and plans to make presentations or have discussions with the BAC, PAC, PTAC, Economic Development and Tree Committees to get reactions and input.

2018 meeting dates: (First Monday unless otherwise noted): Apr 2, May 7, Jun 4, Jul 9 (2nd Monday), Aug 6, Sep 4 (Tuesday), Oct 1, Nov 7 (Wednesday), Dec 3