

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

Meeting Minutes for Monday, December 3, 2018, Town Hall 408, 7 PM

**Members present:** John Bowman, Elena Huisman, Mark Lowenstein, Jacob Meunier, Cynthia Snow, Len Wholey, Ashley Haire (Transportation Board liaison), Brian Sutherland (police liaison)

**Members absent:** Kristin Schreiber

**Others present:** Andrew Moulton, Daniel Martelly, Phillip Mayfield, Frank Poelwijk, Jules Milner-Brage

**Introductions and Welcome to New Members:** Elena Huisman and Leonard Wholey were welcomed to their first meeting as BAC members.

**Minutes:** November 2018 meeting minutes were approved as circulated.

### **Transportation Board**

- At its November meeting, approved proposed changes to Ivy and St. Mary's Streets
- Approved permanent no parking 7-8:30 AM on weekdays when school is in session on Park St. from Harvard Ave to Washington St
- Appointed Elena Huisman and Leonard Wholey to BAC for, respectively, 3 and 2-year terms

Mr. Bowman distributed a draft memo that he and the leaders of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee prepared after the Park Street discussion to emphasize that biking on sidewalks is not a good substitute for making the streets safe for cyclists. It also states that the BAC and PAC want to work with the Transportation Board to make the streets and sidewalks safe for all users. After discussion, sending the memo with changes was approved (5/0/1).

**Police Report:** Sgt. Sutherland reported that there was one bicycle-motor vehicle accident reported in November. A turning motorist hit a cyclist on Harvard Street, resulting in minor injuries. There was no transport to hospital and no citation.

**Livable Streets:** Mr. Meunier announced the annual ten-in-one Street Talks on December 4 at Old South Meetinghouse; information is available on the web site.

**Safe Routes to School:** There is an upcoming meeting. Mr. Lowenstein asked if the BAC had discussed safe biking/walking around the proposed Baldwin School project; Ms. Haire said that concern has been expressed at the Transportation Board. A traffic report will be presented at the Transportation Board meeting on December 10.

**Chairperson and Note-taker:** Mr. Bowman was elected as chair and Ms. Snow as note-taker.

**Priority Bike Racks for Snow Removal:** Mr. Moulton agreed to take on the task of identifying bike racks to suggest as priorities for snow removal; Ms. Huisman agreed to help with a survey of local cyclists to elicit suggestions.

**Green Routes Plan:** After discussion of additions and changes to the draft of the Green Routes plan, it was approved for submission to the Transportation Board. Ms. Snow will prepare a clean copy and work with Mr. Heinemann to update the accompanying map.

**Beacon Street Bridle Path Event:** Possible dates and locations for a late-spring event to provide community experience of a mocked-up path and reaction to creating a two-way bike path in the Olmsted-designed bridle path area of the Beacon Street median was discussed. A subcommittee of Ms. Snow, Ms. Huisman, Mr. Meunier and Mr. Milner-Brage, with consultation from Ms. Haire will develop details for the proposed event and report back to the BAC.

**Follow-up:**

- Some lines (but not the bike lane) have been painted on the temporary surface on the part of Babcock Street that has been reconstructed. It is within the discretion of the contractor which lines to paint on the temporary surface, according to Mr. Kirrane.
- The work on Ivy and St. Mary's Street will go through the CIP review process in the spring for 2020 funding.
- The study of bike lane blockages showed that the section from the town line outbound to Carlton is the worst of the areas studied. Mr. Kirrane has said that the staff can design a parking-protected bike lane for possible CIP funding for 2021. This would continue the protected lane in Boston just to the east of this area.
- Transportation staff will study the requested Green St. contraflow lane during the winter.

**Thanks:** Mr. Bowman thanked members of the BAC and all the friends of the committee who work together to improved bicycling in Brookline.