



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JULY 2010 MINUTES
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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday July 20, 2010, 7:00pm, City Hall

Community Representatives in attendance: Charles Denison, Enid Kumin, Alan Moore, Ron Newman

Ex-Officio members in attendance: Kathleen Ziegenfuss

Guests in attendance: Lauren Clayton, Scott Clark, Doug Reigh, Ken Carlson, Eric Schwinder, Daniel Wolf

Procedural Business:

- Meeting called to order at 7:05
- **Membership:** Charlie to follow up with Metro Pedal Power to see if they are interested in coming to the meetings.
- **Secretary:** No one volunteered for being an official secretary. Kathleen to take July minutes.
- **Approve June minutes:** Moved to August agenda.

Project Updates:

Infrastructure:

- **Somerville Ave bike lanes update (Kathleen)**
 - 5' bike lane desired
 - If the State does not approve the 5' lanes, a letter will be written and signed by the appropriate people stating that when the lanes get re-stripped, they will be restripped at 5' for the entire length of the street
 - Lesson learned: things must be settled at the 25% design phase, when there is still flexibility in design
 - For the future, we can incorporate design standards for bicycle accommodations into a Master Plan and that may give more leverage

- When Beacon comes on line for design, these lessons should be incorporated into the street redesign
 - TIP money just construction
 - No designs done to date
- **Community Path – TIGER II (Kathleen)**
 - Pre-application to be submitted next week
 - Concern raised about the name “Community Path” – is it descriptive enough?
- **Any more sharrows or bike lanes this summer/fall? (Kathleen)**
 - ‘10 in 2010’ Campaign
 - To date – approximately 5 miles
 - Somerville Ave – approximately 3 miles to be painted this summer
 - Suggestions for additional 2 miles:
 - Dane Street
 - Walnut Street
 - School Street
 - Washington Street between McGrath and Union Square
 - Somerville Avenue between McGrath and Union Square
 - Cedar Street lanes to go in south of Highland Avenue (currently sharrows)
 - Willow Avenue bike lanes: will the street be resurfaced this year?
- **Mystic Valley Parkway Bridge (additional item)**
 - SBC not pleased with the lack of a crosswalk on the east side of the bridge (Somerville side)
 - Discussion of options – at this point, no action to be taken
 - Bridge is earth-filled, which means the curbs can be readjusted at some point in the future

Events:

- **SomerStreets: July 25, East Somerville (Kathleen)**
 - Scheduled parade at noon at East Somerville library
- **Art Beat recap (Alan)**
 - Location of table good
 - Synergy between Friends of Community Path, STEP, and SBC worked well
 - Banner needed – Kathleen to follow up on the cost of printing a banner (6’ – 8’ by 2’ – 3’)
 - Other ideas for materials for festivals/promotion include: discounted helmets, literature, bike maps ,t-shirts, map
 - Kathleen to find out the deal with the ‘I bike Somerville’ t-shirt – are there more? Who designed them?

Education and outreach:

- **On-street bike parking outreach (Kathleen)**
 - City wants to initiate program of on-street bike parking
 - City will create the project, announce it on the website, and the SBC can help publicize it to interested businesses
- **Bike, ped, vehicle safety campaign (Alex & Kathleen)**
 - City planning a poster campaign
 - Kathleen showed draft posters
 - Several people volunteered to offer comments/insight on the posters
 - Kathleen to email interested people the draft posters for comment

Old Business:

- **Update on the bike and ped count (Kathleen)**

- Count is complete
- Data is entered, is being cleaned
- Will schedule the release of data within the next month ('party' for those who helped count and are interested in the data)

New Business:

- **Davis Square bike counting (Kathleen)**
 - As part of the TIGER II application, more counts will be done at Davis Square during the first week in August to attempt to determine more precisely how the path adds to MBTA Red Line ridership
- **New England Bike/Walk Summit (newenglandbikewalksummit.org) (Alan)**
 - October 7, 2010 in Providence
 - Alan suggested the bike and pedestrian counting project be submitted as a potential presentation
 - Kathleen and Alan to follow up on submitting an abstract
- **David Square Bike Cage (Alan and Kathleen)**
 - Article on the potential of adding a bike cage/pedal and park station at Davis Square
 - Kathleen has been in contact with MBTA about potential project – link with Belmont/Cambridge/Somerville bike path improvements project
- **Tour de Somerville (additional item – Ron)**
 - Tentative date for Sunday, October 17, 10:00
 - Starting point at 7 Hills Park
 - Ideas for tour
 - Green Line Route
 - '10 in 2010' campaign - tour of new bike facilities
- **Bike map (additional item)**
 - Desire to have updated bike map
 - Alan to ask Nicole (Boston) about publisher information – can we do something similar?

Additional Items:

- **Bike share (Kathleen)**
 - MBTA received approx. \$3 million bus and bus livability grant; to be used on bike share program
 - Somerville meeting with MAPC and other surrounding cities and towns to see what this means in terms of stations in respective towns
- Biking through Davis Square
 - It was requested that at the next meeting biking through Davis Square be added to the agenda; potential suggestions for improvements

Meeting adjourned (9:00)

- Move to adjourn: Charlie
- 2nd: Ron
- All in favor