



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE April 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

Community Representatives

*Tom Lamar, Chair
*Lena Webb, Vice Chair
*Gregory Ely
Ted Feldman

*Alex Frieden
Mark Vollinger
*Ian Woloschin

Ex Officio

Willie Burnley, Jr., City Council
Viola Augustin, OSPCD Mobility
Adam Polinski, OSPCD Mobility
Eric Weisman, DPW

Guests:

- Arah Schuur
- Petru Sofio
- Anya Glass

Thursday, April 6th, 2023, 6:30-8:00PM

GoToMeeting link for computers, tablets, and smartphones: <https://meet.goto.com/746910597>

GoToMeeting dial-in number: +1 (669) 224-3412, Access Code: 746-910-597

Procedural, General Business & Updates (20 minutes)

- Roll call and meeting logistics
- Acting Secretary: Tom
- Approval of February and March meeting minutes
- Upcoming outreach events
 - Potential partnerships with Mobility and/or PTAC for East Broadway outreach, Carnaval, other events
 - Bike Breakfast is coming up – need to confirm dates.

Focus 1: Election of new Secretary (10 minutes)

- SBAC vote to elect new Secretary.
 - Tom motioned, seconded by Alex, to appoint Ted Feldman the new Secretary. The motion was unanimously endorsed.

Focus 2: Meeting Goals and Format (20 minutes)

- Code of Conduct
 - Mobility presented that given the mayor's focus on inclusion and equity on city boards, all members are asked to sign the code of conduct.
 - Tom clarified item 6 that while individual members may not act on behalf of the committee, they may still identify themselves as members of the committee.
- Scheduling Equity and Outreach discussion
 - Committee members expressed the goals of equity and outreach, including geographical diversity of membership from different wards.

- Greg asked about models of membership from other committees, especially during COVID; Adam cited PTAC as an example of expanding and broadening membership.
- Lena volunteered to lead outreach and recruitment.
- Fully virtual versus hybrid meetings
 - Members expressed an interest in trying a hybrid meeting.
 - Greg asked Mobility to confirm that the proposed meeting locations would be available at that time.
 - Alex asked about specific rooms and suggested that libraries may be more comfortable than schools.

Focus 3: 2023 Mobility Work Plan (40 minutes)

- Overview of Mobility's priorities for 2023
 - Adam described efforts to build on the 2022 work plan and develop new proposals.
 - Adam shared an approximation of how staff time is allocated to projects. Committee members asked about whether public outreach could be more streamlined to allocate more time to implementing safety projects.
- Status of projects of interest to the SBAC
 - Adam presented on projects including Holland St, Pearl St, Western Washington St, and Grand Union
 - Alex expressed that his daughter was 6 months old when the project started and will be 5 when the project wraps up and asked about any opportunities to speed up the project.
 - Ian asked about construction management.
 - Alex asked about the use of pre-cast curb. Adam indicated that the project expects to use pre-cast curbs on a number of sections, but the details are still being worked out.
 - Adam shared that the quick-build protected bike lane on part of Bow St is expected to be striped next week.
 - Grand Union
 - Adam shared that Grand Union Blvd at Foley St is slated to get a quick-build protected intersection, in response to previous committee feedback.
 - Petru suggested the use of Bikes May Use Ped Signal signage. Greg suggested the use of No Turn on Red (Except Bikes) signs.
 - Viola presented that the Bicycle Network Plan is anticipated to be published by the end of April.
 - Adam presented on the Capital Improvements Plan
- East Broadway bus lane extension deep-dive
 - The East Broadway bus lane extension was a committee-suggested priority in 2022.
 - Mobility has already had an on-street pop-up, virtual office hours, multilingual block walking, and flyering, with more outreach planned.
 - The project is anticipating implementation in mid-July.