



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AUGUST 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

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Tom Lamar, Chair
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Willie Burnley, Jr., City Council
Viola Augustin, OSPCD Mobility
Lauren Kraic, OSPCD
Adam Polinski, OSPCD Mobility
Eric Weisman, DPW

Guests: Sarah Jensen, Paul

Bold indicates in attendance

Note: Meeting will be hybrid

In-person meeting location: Central Library Auditorium, 79 Highland Ave

Zoom link for computers, tablets, and smartphones:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83017422704?pwd=RDNDNS1R2SHNTaWk3dGMxRmhJYzZwQT09>

Dial-in number: +1 (305) 224-1968, or find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83017422704?pwd=RDNDNS1R2SHNTaWk3dGMxRmhJYzZwQT09>

Meeting ID: 830 1742 2704

Passcode: 389911

Procedural, General Business & Updates (20 minutes)

- Roll call and meeting logistics
- Acting Secretary: TBD
- Approval of July meeting minutes
- Call for volunteers for Family Bike Ride – Aug 19
- Start in Davis, goes through Community Path Extension to Paul Revere Park
- Looking for volunteers particularly for managing intersections
- Looking for familybikeride.org
- Will send link for posting on social media
- Committee to help amplify ride and social media
- Upcoming outreach events
 - Events: SomerViva Tune-Up (8/18) – 2 – 4 pm; PTAC Tufts Street Walk 8/31 @ 5pm; SomerStreets Strike Up The Band (9/17) @ 2 pm, SomerStreets Monster Mash 10/22 @ 2 pm

Focus: Development 101 (40 minutes)

- Includes how Mobility interfaces with developers, transit zoning, parking regulations, and more.
- Governed by Somerville Zoning Ordinance (SZO)
- Hybrid: Form and Use-based zoning (Form of land and shape); Use – used building
- Intent includes a number of mobility-focused intents
- City split into 19 districts – largely form-based
- Has transit areas – ¼ mile of transit station
- Within transit areas – set max parking, outside – set parking minimums,
- Bike parking divided into short-term (for visitors), longer-term = security

- By-Right Projects
- Projects that require.
- Most permits are administrative permits.
- Site Plan Approval – includes Transit Action Plan and Transportation Impact Study (TIS) – includes methodologies for measuring impact of development.
- SZO changes can be proposed by Mayor, property owners, 10+ city residents or individual Councilors, voted on and improved by full City Council.
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Focus: Committee Item (10 minutes)

- Increase in drivers speeding around queues – Alex F
- Denser/more flexposts, last longer
- Discuss further street locations and potential solutions at August E&E meeting.

City Updates (20 minutes)

- Construction updates
 - Powder House Alewife Brook – new curb being set
 - Schedule runs through end of 2024
 - Spring Hill
 - Summer St sidewalk
 - School St – Subsurface work
 - Highland Ave – Subsurface Utilities
 - McGrath Resurfacing
 - Tufts St
 - New pavement and Sidewalks
 - New Bicycle Treatments
 - <https://voice.somervillema.gov/tufts-street-reconstruction>
 - Pearl+6
 - Traffic calming construction.
 - Cross St @ Gilman/Oliver
 - Cross St @ Everett Ave
 - Oliver St @ Glen St
 - Oliver @ Franklin
 - Sidewalks on Pearl expected to be done this month.
- Western Broadway
- Holland Street/College Ave
 - Markings were delayed by rain.
 - Some flexposts in place
 - Viola will check the extent of flexposts going to square.
- Grand Union
 - Some symbols to finish between Great River Rd, Revolution Dr and Foley between Middlesex and Great Rd
 - Tom mentions left turns onto Artisan Way, which is still uncomfortable.
- Bow St
 - Paint is on
 - Still additional flex posts to install.
- East Broadway
 - Delayed by construction.
- Powder House Circle
 - Striping and flex post install scheduled for Fall 2023
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Action Items:

Upcoming Events:

Volunteers for Family Bike Rides

Cars jumping queues:

Alex F will draft list of intersections to be reviewed in E & E