



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MARCH 6, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

Meeting begun approximately 6:40PM

Attendees

Community Representatives

Tom Lamar, Chair
Ted Feldman, Secretary
Adrienne Agarwal
Kathryne Benesh
Alex Frieden
Katharine Lange
Paul Morgan
Maria Salim

Not in attendance

Gregory Ely
Amanda Rychel
Ian Woloschin

Ex Officio

Willie Burnley, Jr., City Council
Viola Augustin, OSPCD Mobility
Greg Hanafin, OSPCD Mobility

Not in attendance

Eric Weisman, DPW

Members of the Public

Additional Rashika Dhawan from mobility
Arah Schuur
Eli Goldman, ward 5 resident
John Callerame

Agenda

Procedural, General Business & Updates (30 minutes)

Roll call and meeting logistics
Acting Secretary: Paul Morgan
Approval of meeting minutes
Katherine moves, Maria 2nd, approved by unanimous verbal

Upcoming outreach events

- Councilor Burnley: March 27th councilors putting in budget priorities, encourage folks with ideas to reach out to local councilors, at large councilors and mayor
- Arah Schuur: March 19th Streetwise Talk Brian Postlewaite, potential Bike Month Kickoff in early May details still pending
- Adrienne Sustainaville Fifth March 18th Winter Hill Brewing

Upcoming committee officer elections

Upcoming elections potentially in April, members interested encouraged to reach out to Tom Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary

Viola announced that Rishika will replace Viola as co liaison with Greg, Viola will stay as ex officio for now but that may change as well

Focus: Subteam Organization (30 minutes)

Potential projects from subteams

Focus for this meeting on outreach, April meeting focus will be on engineering

- Adrienne: some members appeared at Streetwise February, 50-60 people attending, had a lot of engagement with map, people made comments on map with post it notes noting joys and concerns for specific spots
- Some outreach physical materials needs to be updated
- Maria Salim: Liked interaction between Somerville/Cambridge groups at event.
This led to a discussion of Cambridge coordination on projects near border
past coordination on Webster, Beacon St
future on Elm Beacon Connector
collaborated with Arlington on West Broadway project
- Kat Benesh: want to do walk for Elm-Beacon connector, will setup google sheet with future events and tabling signups, Kat Benesh will coordinate with liaisons
- Tom Lamar asked if there was capacity for expenditures on light hand out, Greg will check to see if there is a budget for that
- Kat Benesh discussed traffic garden, to be discussed further with liaisons

Other committees

Engineering: potentially will have meeting 3rd Thursday in March 20th

Soon to look over plans for Elm Beacon Connector and McGrath Boulevard Project

City Updates (30 minutes)

City Update

Greg Hanafin presented an update using attached slides, some highlights below

Safe Streets Ordinance annual report-report is due March 1 and is online now

Reviewed table of 2025 planned projects in the slides

This led Tom to initiate a review of 2024 completed projects

concerns on transition angles at 599 Somerville and Ave

more so on spots on Western WA project

comments on Davis Sq/Highland Ave intersection paint issues and bike signal visibility

Viola indicated Engineering Dept working with a consultant to redesign School St/CPX intersection

Reviewed crash rate slides

Reviewed new bike racks installed at Argenziano

Mystic/Maffa bridge project has new design, check project webpage

3/25 McGrath Boulevard project, new project webpage

3/10 Elm Beacon Connector meeting at Kennedy School

City does not know timing of W WA St concrete curbs

Public Comment

Arah; question about projects that require special studies and making sure we gear up to get those done. Viola indicated they are aware and seeking to plan ahead for those. Funding and go ahead prerequisite to starting studies.

Tom adjourned meeting at 7:46PM