



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTES

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Community Representatives:

Ken Carlson, Chair x
Tom Lamar, Vice Chair x
Enid Kumin, Secretary
Alex Anderson x
Emily Balkam x
Mark Chase

Alex Epstein
Alex Frieden
Kevin McGrath x
Alan Moore x
Katie Pierce x
Brian Postlewaite
Brandon Stafford x
Lena Webb x
Ian Woloschin x

Ex-Officio:

Skye Stewart, Office of the Mayor
Jesse Clingan, Board of Aldermen representative
Commissioner Stanley Koty, Department of Public Works
Terry Smith, Traffic and Parking
Deputy Chief Stephen Carrabino, Police Department x
Mike Tremblay, Office of Strategic Planning and Community
Dev. x

Day/Date: Thursday Jan 11, 2018

Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: Police Department/ Washington Street

x - indicates present

Procedural, General Business & Updates -Ken (20min)

1. Guest introductions: Lian Guertin, Mark Vollinger, Dan McCool, Ted Lester, Jessica Bethune, Jeff Shwom, George Schneeloch, Sky Rose, Michael Weber, Ted Feldman
2. Acting Secretary: Kevin McGrath
3. VOTE: Approve Dec Minutes (authored by Mark Chase)
 - a. Motion to Approve: Minutes approved by a vote
4. Annual Report duties and timing
 - a. Previous year's annual report available on SBAC website
 - i. Members can access on Box
 - b. Timeline: Spring - Target of draft March 1st to the city
 - i. Deliver to city with time for the city to edit and clean up
 - ii. Last year, Mike T. did initial proofread
 - c. **ACTION:** All team leads should take charge of sections, review last years, and leverage information from Somerville Bike News

- d. Alex - how to address merged teams?
 - i. Ken - keep report in 6 E's section, makes it easier and keeps it aligned with League of American Cyclists structure
 - ii. **ACTION:** Ken to create box folder for an image dump
 - iii. Have someone help edit and provide help - Alex Anderson can assist with editing
- 5. SBAC Membership discussion and new Secretary
 - a. New Leadership Team
 - i. Enid Kumin will be stepping down as Secretary
 - ii. Katie Pierce announced her interest in running for Secretary
 - 1. The committee voted unanimously to elect Katie secretary
 - iii. Ken and Tom both expressed their intent to continue as Chair and Vice Chair
 - 1. The Committee voted unanimously to elect Ken as Chair and Tom as Vice Chair
 - b. SBAC Membership
 - i. Members serve a 2-year term
 - ii. Mike would like to keep record of membership term documentation (and approvals from Skye)
 - iii. At currently 15 members currently
 - iv. Former members are always welcome to return
 - v. Want to ensure we can get a quorum at meetings
- 6. BOA Liaison - Jesse Clingan (Alderman, Ward 4), who couldn't attend as he is at the Board Of Alderman meeting
 - a. Tom, Katie, and Ken will meet with Jesse to catch him up
 - b. Tom, Katie, and Ken will also meet with the wider BOA at some point early this year

City Update -Mike (15 min)

- 7. Vision Zero Initiative Update
 - a. Task force will be assembled in the coming weeks
 - i. Still trying to determine if this will be a formal or informal group
 - ii. Town hall format or regular meeting of a smaller group
 - 1. Create a "shell" of Action Plan by late spring/early summer
 - 2. Hoping to have a draft of the action plan by October 2018
 - iii. VZ Action Plan will be largely based on other cities VZ Action Plans with input from Task Force
 - iv. Hopefully 2-3 SBAC members can participate in the task force
 - b. What is a World Class VZ Action Plan? Plan to attack long range safety goals, set a priority list of these
 - i. Task Force will likely review plans
 - ii. Data-focused, plans for collecting more data
 - iii. San Francisco is a decent example
 - c. Season Issues as part of Vision Zero - has to include season issues like snow removal (year-round plan)
 - d. 6 E's team leads should start to think about how their focus area can get involved with a VZ Action Plan
 - e. Do these plans look into leading indicators? (Lower car speeds are leading indicators for street safety)
 - i. Yes, plan will take into consideration these types of factors
 - f. Will plan look into how to address road users from other cities/towns?
 - i. Yes, plan should encompass these types of issues
 - g. **ACTION:** Update on Crash Survey to SBAC members
- 8. City's Top Bicycle-related Goals for 2018
 - a. Wrap up projects form 2017
 - i. Beacon Street Cycletrack
 - ii. Webster Ave

- b. Broadway
 - i. HSIP corridor from Magoun to Ball Sq - Safety Grant from MassDOT
 - 1. Protected bike lanes expected this summer from Magoun to Ball
 - ii. MBTA Accessibility upgrades at bus stops
 - iii. Bus stop consolidation, and looking at partial bus/bike lane
 - iv. Implement degree of "early action" (paint and posts MVP) along segment from Magoun to McGrath
 - v. Focus on this as a transit corridor
 - 1. Critical bus connection to Sullivan and Davis
 - 2. Ample road width to redesign
 - c. Power House Blvd
 - i. Uphill bike lane from rotary to North
 - ii. "Stretch" goal: cycle track adjacent to Tufts (rotary to Packard)
 - iii. College Ave connection to the Cycletrack
 - 1. Ideally this would include Packard and Broadway
 - 2. Mike and Mark met with Tufts reps, and they are amenable to working with parking removal
 - iv. Circle will not be included in the immediate projects
 - 1. An application for the complete streets grant for 2020 (specific for Powder House Square)
 - a. This is only \$400,000 which is not that much for a large-scale project
 - v. Tom Bertulis may have floated a plan at some point in the past
 - 1. **ACTION**: Engineering team should consider doing a Feb/Mar presentation on redesigning the circle
 - d. HSIP Implementation
 - i. Broadway (Ball to Magoun)
 - ii. Park St
 - iii. Temple St
 - iv. Washington St (McGrath to Boston City Line)
 - e. Trickier Stuff
 - i. Medford Street (Somerville Ave to Cambridge City Line)
 - 1. Scheduled for full mill and overlay in 2019 - this was supposed to be full mill and overlay in 2018
 - 2. Plan is to install bollard-protected bike lanes this year, then re-implement next year after repaving
 - 3. Cambridge utility work on Gore Street
 - ii. Cedar street contraflow
 - 1. Space concerns and need for public access
 - 2. **ACTION**: Engineering to work with Mike on reviewing Cedar Street
9. Update on snow removal from new protected bike lanes
- a. Washington St and Webster Ave both remained unplowed for a few days after snow storms this year
 - b. 3 Priority corridors:
 - i. Beacon well done
 - ii. Washington (3 day delay for the first snow)
 - iii. Prospect (8 days later, still impassable)
 - c. Things to work on: Clearing PBLs

- d. Snow in parking lanes partially blocking bike lanes/forcing cars to park in the bike lanes
- e. 311 app automatically geolocates and allows you to attach photos of issues
- f. Snow removal letter was not followed well
 - i. ACTION: Meeting with DPW and Stan Koty to discuss in the coming weeks (“Snow Summit”)
 - 1. What were their challenges?
 - 2. Should include sidewalk/pedestrian issues
- g. ACTION: Send out a reminder via SBAC news to leverage 311 app to report future snow issues

Enforcement Team Update: Stop on the Line Every Time Campaign -Kevin (10 min)

- 1. Postponed until February meeting

Project Update: Lower Beacon Street PBLs -Ken (15 min)

- 1. Washington St from Inman Square to City Line
 - 1. Goal: convince City and MassDot to install PBLs rather than painted lanes on Lower Beacon
 - 2. Timeline: complete decision making by March 1st
 - 1. Need alignment with City, Alderman Scott, residents, businesses, Traffic Commission, and MassDOT
 - 2. May have more time as current planned paint won’t go down until late summer
 - 3. Biggest Challenge: removal of on-street parking on one side of the street (north side)
 - 4. ACTIONS: What needs to be done:
 - 1. Engineering need street mix design
 - 1. Bollard protection on north side
 - 2. parking protected on south side
 - 2. Evaluation Parking counts
 - 1. Mostly done in December
 - 2. Need more counts (particularly 8pm counts)
 - 3. Parking mitigation plans
 - 1. Pat Jahlen has pushed for zoned parking
 - 2. Zoned parking may be important for Green Line Extension, as people will park around the station
 - 5. Mike: 1-2 spots get lost for parking protected bike lanes to widen driveway aprons for better visibility, so account for that
 - 1. You can also see cyclists better if there are bollards as opposed to parking-protected
 - 6. January 30th meeting for Inman Square redesign
 - 7. HELP: need more counting!
 - 8. Encouragement/Education: need outreach to residents, businesses, Beacon St Neighbors Association, City, MassDOT
 - 1. Public meeting targeted for Late February
 - 2. Next month T&P to remove parking

Focus Section: Goals for 2018 -Tom (30 min)

- 1. Continue encouragement and engagement
- 2. Infrastructure follow through
- 3. “Phase 2” street projects

4. "New" street projects
5. Manage construction impacts
6. Project planning improvements

ACTION: Mike to send over cutter ave initial transportation plan (long term goal)

ACTION: Feb Meeting Mike to present what the city needs to proceed with a project
time, budget, alderman support
Discuss priorities for next meeting

Champions:

Ian – Park St

Ted (guest) - Cedar Contraflow

Ken - Lower Beacon St

Lena – Holland Ave

Katie – Medford St

Tom – Broadway

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM