



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Community Representatives:

*Alex Epstein, Chairman
* Charles Denison, Vice Chairman
* Ken Carlson, Secretary
*Ariel Horowitz
Enid Kumin
Alan Moore
Development
*Brian Postlewaite
Tim Talun
Tegin Teich
*=present

Ex-Officio:

Daniel Hadley, Office of the Mayor
Mark Niedergang, Board of Aldermen
Commissioner Stanley Koty, Department of Public Works
Terry Smith, Traffic and Parking
Deputy Chief Michael Cabral, Police Department
Jennifer Molina, Office of Strategic Planning and Community

*Brad Rawson, OSPCD (filling in for Jennifer this month)

Guests: Tom Bertulis, Tom Lamar, Lauren, Brian Echerhouse, Alex Anderson, Al, Valentine, Crystal Rosa

Day/Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2015

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

Location: City Hall Basement Lounge

Call to order 6:35 p.m.

Procedural Business 20 min

1. Guest introductions and sign-in sheet.
2. Acting Secretary: Charlie (filling in for Alan)
3. **VOTE: Approve Minutes: March 2015** -- Unanimously approved.
4. New member applicant update.
Committee asked new member applicants Alex and Tom to give a pitch to the committee.

Alex Anderson: Somerville resident. Grew up in Las Vegas, also lived in Philly and St Paul/Minneapolis, and Brighton. Hit by cars while biking 4 times. Went to Beacon St meetings. Studied economics/business/public policy. Works for Institute for Healthcare Improvement in Harvard Square. Interested in community engagement and design.

Tom Lamar: Somerville resident for 3 years. Started biking to work almost every day. Interested in Community Path Extension. Has been attending Somerville by Design meetings. Involved with Bike to the Sea.

Committee decided that when new members are recommended by the committee, they should be added to the SBC Google Group (as opposed to waiting until their membership is official by the Board of Aldermen.)

Committee voted at the end of the meeting (after asking Alex and Tom to step out) to recommend them as members of the committee. Unanimous vote.

New Business 50 min

- ❖ Historic Ride status and needs (Brandon) - 10 min
 - Food, Flowers, and Farming, May 31
 - Midway stop at Assembly Row, Ends at Aeronaut Brewery
 - 20 sites, 5-6 stops, Need feedback on sites. Requested help with poster
- ❖ State Rep. Barber welcome and introduction
 - Postponed until next month
- ❖ Report-out from Visioning subcommittee (Tegan/Ken)
 - By-laws
 - Still in progress
 - Establishing Sub-committees
 - A committee representing each of the 5 (6) E's, a lead for each committee (preferably not an SBC officer.) Committees can choose how often to meet.
 - Ariel commented that the idea of subcommittees is to spread out the work of the SBC more. Tom mentioned that Evaluation is a very important E, especially measuring before and after new facilities are installed.
- ❖ Union Square interim improvements meeting report-out (Tim)
 - Brad gave the committee a quick update:
 - 3 traffic signals, \$2 million, 2 year project (funding to be approved by Board of Aldermen)
 - Signals will include LPI for peds (no bicycle signals or BPI for bikes)
 - Webster and Prospect Streets will both be two way
 - Charlie asked about the issues identified by the SBC in prior design version: Continuous bike lanes, merging within the intersections, continuing along Washington to McGrath. Brad said that all these issues have been addressed in the 75% plans but he will double check.
- ❖ Common Wheels coming to Somerville (Jennifer)
 - Crystal and Al talked about starting CommonWheels in Somerville, similar to the one in Allston. Intend to have pop up repair help throughout the city and provide local ride tips. Will complement local bike shops rather than take business from them. Working with City on possible grants ideas.
- ❖ Bike Week
 - Bike breakfast (Ken)
 - Mon May 11 7:30 to 9 am @ Whole Foods on Beacon St. Will hand out MassDOT shwag. Bike Boom, BCU, and LivableStreets will table. Need volunteers. Alex E. Alex A. and Tom T volunteered.
 - Rush Hour Race (Ken)
 - Tuesday May 12. See flier. Ariel will be the cyclist. Need volunteers. Alex E., Alex A., Tom B. and Tom L. volunteered

- Tabling materials (Jennifer)
Ken asked Brad for large format maps (at least 2) and small map handouts. Suggested that we table with latest version of big projects happening that people can look at. Charlie suggested latest SBC Annual Report also as we have in the past.

Old Business 50 min

- ❖ Annual report status (Ken, Jennifer). Not finalized yet. Ken would like to see detailed fall bike/ped counts.
- ❖ High school representative update (Andrew/Ariel)
Ariel to follow up with him.
- ❖ Updates from the City (Jennifer)
 - Beacon St - not discussed
 - Union Sq. - discussed previously in meeting
 - Davis Square 75% - not discussed
 - T&P Restriping - Brad will provide SBC with list of streets to be restriped this year. Ken suggested that Beacon St be included, since markings are very faded.
 - Hiring of OSPCD director - not discussed
 - Street resurfacing - Charlie asked Brad to provide SBC with list of streets to be repaved this year (or next few years if possible.) Brad said he would do this.

Standing Items

1. SCATV show appearance
2. McGrath boulevard and interim improvements
3. Central Broadway Streetscape
4. Beacon Street construction staging
5. Bow St/Summer St intersection improvement planning status
6. Washington St from Union Sq to McGrath
7. Revised Zoning Ordinance
8. Neighborways
9. Traffic Commission temporal one-way exception request
10. Community Path Extension
11. Safety information mailings
12. Whole Foods bike breakfasts