



## SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FINAL MINUTES

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

### **Community Representatives:**

\*Ken Carlson, Chair  
Tom Lamar, Vice Chair  
\*Enid Kumin, Secretary  
\*Alex Anderson  
\*Emily Balkam  
\*Mark Chase  
\*Alex Epstein  
\*Alex Frieden  
\*Ted Lester  
\*Kevin McGrath  
\*Alan Moore

Katie Pierce  
\*Brandon Stafford  
\*Lena Webb  
\*Ian Woloschin

### **Ex Officio:**

Skye Stewart, Office of the Mayor  
\*Jesse Clingan, Board of Alderman  
Commissioner Stan Koty, Dept. of Public Works  
Terry Smith, Traffic and Parking  
\*Mike Tremblay, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Dev  
\*Deputy Chief Steve Carrabino, Police Department

\*In attendance:

### **Guests:**

Zachary Zimmerman  
Will Bosworth  
Sky Rose  
Mark Volander  
Lilly Worth  
Ted Peltman  
Blake Willmorth  
Anthony Elias  
Ted Feldman

Thursday April 5, 2017, 6:30-8:00 PM, Police Department, Washington St

### **Procedural, General Business & Updates (25 Minutes)**

- 1) Guest introductions and sign-in sheet
- 2) Acting Secretary: Emily Balkam
  - a) VOTE: Approve March Minutes - Motioned by Enid, Seconded by Kevin. Minutes approved.
- 3) New membership applications- Currently have 15 members
  - a) Ted Feldman - Spoke about why he wants to join the committee. Previous advocacy work with the Harvard Cycling association. Read his letter that was sent around to the list serve. Voting will happen tonight. {Vote after meeting- Ted's nomination was approved; congratulations Ted!}
- 4) Changes to Team leadership
  - a) Alex Frieden has been leading the combined Evaluation and Engineering Teams since Brian Postelwaite stepped

down as lead of Engineering - Brandon Stafford will now lead the Engineering Team.

- b) Engineering Mtg will happen at 7:30 immediately following the Evaluation meeting at 6:30 on a Thursday once a month.
- c) Alex will continue to lead the Evaluation Team.

5) Meeting with T&P

- a) Kevin and Lena - Traffic and Parking was there, including Terry Smith. Lena is the commissioner at large of the Traffic commission.
- b) Discussed budgeting - what is the rationale for putting the majority of the budget for road markings and other infrastructure in the fall rather than the Spring. Get faded by winter weather.
- c) Response: 60-70% of their paint budget is for Bike facilities. They save some for May to June. Requirements are that it has to be above 40 degrees, has to be clear (cleaned), no water on the road. DPW takes a while to do the street cleaning, ambient temperature is pretty low for the majority of the day on the ground, too cold.
- d) Thermoplastic super sharrows can cost \$400 for each one (green backed). Terry is evaluating the longevity of different materials. Trying to figure out which options to use in different places.
- e) Ken, Tom, and Mike are working on this as well. 495 locations where sharrows are used but the cheap version, but they are faded, maybe not useful. Thinking about using that money for something else. Focus on using Ruby Lake material (heavy duty) for striping at conflict zones, it will still be there the next year if they have to put it down in the fall.
- f) Evaluation team will look at this more. Are there areas where we have faded paint facilities that could really use something more robust (Somerville Ave) vs a quieter street in a neighborhood? Kevin has slides if you want to learn more.

6) SBAC Budget request for Fiscal 2019

- a) \$500 would like to print 200 bike safety brochures and a large Somerville Bike map. - Printing cost is easy for the city to absorb.
- b) Wayfinding signage - Mark will present on this tonight.
- c) Electronic Message Boards - Steve Carrabino has one, he's trying to get another, we are interested in having one. Stop on the line on Beacon Street would be great. Mike is concerned where they would be stored - but can look into it. Potential for Vision Zero funding?

**City Update. (25 min)**

1. Remaining SBAC budget for Fiscal 2018
2. Annual Report update
  - a. Soft version of the Annual Report is almost done - let Mike know if we have any final edits. Will have it printed off for Bike Month events.
  - b. Ken asked that all section owners should take a final look at their sections.
3. 2018 Re-paving Schedule
  - a. Engineering has a 5 year repaving schedule, has been prioritized in advance.
  - b. Lowell, Cedar, Powder House Blvd (June), Broadway, Medford, Beacon will all be in first priority for 2018. [Somerville Paving List](#) is in Box if you'd like to see the full list.
  - c. Highland to Broadway section of Cedar Street will be adding paved chicanes (similar to those on Lowell St near train tracks) this Summer/Fall.
  - d. Signalization/LPIs - Topic for another meeting.
  - e. We will review Cedar Street plans at the next meeting
4. Webster Ave and Medford St PBL update
5. Beacon St reconstruction plan/timing for 2018, interim improvements to Beacon/Oxford St
  - a. Work is beginning on the new signals this week.

- b. Paving on the southern section will be in a few weeks (late April), police detail helping with alternating traffic. Use the bike detour during this time.
  - c. Then they will do the sidewalks
  - d. Paving will follow, late summer for the full thing. Going to try to get them sooner, but can't make promises.
  - e. Then cycle track on upper section? Mike will follow up on this.
  - f. Trees going in this fall or next spring. Upper Beacon will likely be first.
  - g. Steve: Update on Stop on Line Enforcement - He put out an email today to the officers today asking them to do this, it's a problem.
  - h. Mike: Pushing to get conflict zone paint on the cross streets. Will ask about getting round mirrors for cyclists. Sign for cyclists or paint for cyclists. Pedestrian crossings are a concern too.
  - i. Bike Committee: Will put together some low-cost recommendations that Mike can bring to a future meeting of what we can do in the interim.
6. City's planning efforts for Broadway
- a. Key Corridor for Bus Priority - proposed a bus lane on Broadway for this year to the Mayor
  - b. Also want to do bike facilities from Magoun to McGrath
  - c. Plenty of room to add paint for the first section, gets more congested in Winter Hill.
  - d. Bus approach can be tied to the lights to help get them through, may get funding for the T to get it done at a 3-4 locations on Broadway.
  - e. More people from Somerville take the Bus than the Subway, competing with Uber/Lyft.
  - f. Everett and Mass Ave in Boston might have done this.
  - g. Survey for Winter Hill has gotten about 500 responses so far.

**Focus Section 1: Spring has sprung, are we ready?**

1. SBAC bike facility priorities for the year- Ken (15 min)
  - a. See the Presentation Ken sent around.
  - b. Ken ranked the votes, these scored highest- Diversity based on Equity, Road is on the Resurfacing List, Network connectivity
  - c. 2018 Project Priorities - Broadway scored the highest by far.
  - d. Project Priorities we would work on in 2018 - for Potential Implementation in 2019 - Holland Street, Elm street, Broadway scored the highest.
  - e. Discussion around Highland Ave - perhaps can try signal/lanes for busses there in future.
  - f. Consider showing success by using pop-up facilities cones to do a trial rather than long public hearing process for the bus route idea. Everett did this successfully.
  - g. Evaluation and Engineering committees are going to look into this more deeply, call to action from Ken - get involved, we have a lot to do! Encouragement and Education would like your help too.
  - h. 2018 Bike Projects that are approved - See Ken's slides, sending around to everyone who didn't get them before.
  - i. Alex E is sending low hanging fruit designs he did to Mike.
  - j. Mike can activate Ward Alderman as needed for some of the bigger projects to have their help.
2. Spring Education- PSA's and other education efforts- Katie (10 min)
  - a. Katie wasn't here so this was tabled to next meeting
  - b. Whole Foods is hosting Bike Breakfasts during morning commutes - first one is Friday April 27th, will be the last Friday of every month. 8-9am. Need volunteers.
  - c. Sunday after this, April 29th - is the Bay State Bike Month Kick Off at Aeronaut Brewery. 5 hr events - need folks to come help run this. Family friendly. Possibly there will be an organized ride nearby leading into this. Jeff Speck will be speaking. Bike Polo demonstration. Set up at 12noon, official start at 1pm, goes until 5pm. Likely will be a line about the door, expecting 200 people.

- d. Thursday night and Friday before kick off week, New England Bike Walk Summit. Alan has a flyer.
  - e. Late April/Early May - One Friday a month Bike Train to Downtown Boston. Could start on Broadway or Davis area.
  - f. May 2nd, Bike Talk Becca Wolfson and Stacy Thompson.
3. Spring Events- Alex A (5 minutes)
4. **Focus Section 2: Wayfinding- Mark/Emily (10 min)**
- a. For Neighborways and safe routes
  - b. Send feedback by Email to Mark post mtg
  - c. Gateway signs
  - d. Direction signs - Arrow, Color, Time on Foot and by Bike (in minutes) - Bikes based on 10 miles an hour and walk based on 2 or 3 miles an hour.
  - e. Color coded based by the destination and zones. You would follow the colors to help you find your way.
  - f. Showed Zone map, sample signage
  - g. Will have 5 colors to keep it simple
  - h. Major intersections have a different sign treatment to help you orient
  - i. Hoping for maybe 18 colorful signs around the city.
  - j. Wayfinding signage is what we need to get Platinum. Mike likes this idea in general.
  - k. If we provided the signs, the city would need to make sure they approve the locations so there's not too many signs in certain locations, but they would help us put them up.
  - l. Kevin has a tool that help us check contrast for visual impaired people.
  - m. Will use existing poles when we can, or add more as needed.

**Banter over Beer: Location TBA**