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Thursday July 11, 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM, Somerville Public Safety Building Academy Room, 220 Washington St

Procedural, General Business & Updates (10 Minutes)

1. Guest introductions and sign-in sheet
2. Acting Secretary: Alex Frieden
3. VOTE: Approve June Minutes
Minutes approved
4. Other upcoming events

Katie - If you live around Gilman Square, this Monday Gilman Square Meeting is happening at Winter Hill School. Howard Stein Hudson will be there to discuss various projects.
Bike Party Aruba the 20th
Art Beat - Alan is ordering, this Saturday, need some on later side (2,3,4,5). Ian has all of tabling materials.

Focus: The Beginning of a Bike Master Plan (20 min)

1. Adoption of plan in FY20 Budget – Tom
 - a. No comprehensive plan, Alex Frieden pointing out need for this. This is a comprehensive plan. - Tom
 - b. Overwhelming support from council for bike master plan
 - c. Ted to compare to other city bike master plans
2. Examples from other cities – Ted L
 - a. Comparing to Seattle, Boston, and Cambridge
 - b. Alan - Never got \$500 for bike stuff in 15 years, now we get a bike ticket item. Ben Ewan Campen put in issue to propose idea before budget season, got into budget.
 - c. Adam - Rideshare company has helped with funding. Given to planning department to spend on planning.
 - d. Ted - Seattle plan until 2033. All plans have set of goals: livability, equity, livability, etc. Education, encouragement, enforcement including as well as planning. All have quantitative and qualitative aspects. Meetings in coffee shops to get input.
 - i. Every street was numbered, type of project, estimated project cost, and benefits.
 - e. Boston bike network plan - 30 year vision, 2013, identifying primary and secondary bike routes, 30 year plan to 2043, replaced by Go Boston 2030. This is a 15 year plan, only major corridors identified. Lots of data, little bike-specific recommendations.
 - f. Cambridge Bike Plan (2015), Bike Facility Toolbox, updating plan for 2020. Programs and regulations, operation and maintenance. Level of comfort specified per street.
 - g. Mark: Did you look into executed on bike plan? Ted: No.
 - h. Mark: Table from Seattle is awesome.
 - i. Ted: Medford plan barely has bike lanes. Mostly around sharrows.
 - j. Kevin: Might be better to have more tactical plan, with particular projects and estimated costs.

- k. Ian: Very engineering and evaluation heavy, good to keep focused on projects we can work on.
- l. Mark: Who is getting contracted for bike plan? Adam: Still to be determined.
- m. Alex F: short term and long term plan needed.
- n. Alan: Is there a time frame on RFP? Adam: No, just started.
- o. Arah: Look at other somerville plans, somerville climate forward, etc.
- p. Lena: People might mobilize against a plan that don't want change.
- q. Alex Epstein: Feasibility constraint improves over time. Example of electric battery prices over time.
- 3. SBC high level goals for Bike Master Plan – open discussion
 - a. Ian: Was there change on increasing the cost of parking at the city level? Adam: money is set aside for city wide parking study.

City Update (35 min) - Adam

- 1. Striping timing –Beacon St, Webster Ave, Central Broadway, Powder House Blvd, Lower Medford, Cameron
 - a. HSIP are complete
 - b. Ken had flagged concern over rough pavement near Dali. Park and Washington on Beacon will have all crossings for pedestrian signals.
 - c. Emily: Ball Square, can we turn blinking back on for blinking reds?
 - d. Kevin: Is there a final punch list? Adam: Should be done in the next two months.
 - e. Alex Epstein: Can we do exclusive and concurrent? Adam: We are asking MassDOT.
 - f. Mark Chase: Walk Boston and Livable Streets advocate for concurrent, including comparing Somerville to Cambridge intersections. Default should be concurrent and exception is exclusive.
 - g. Alex F: Asphalt curb separated bike lane was improvement on Somerville Ave during construction. Similar to Porter Square situation. It was removed.
 - h. Ian: Friend had to leave bike lane numerous times as the street has lots of holes.
- 2. Coordinating Medford and Gore St
- 3. Update on Holland St Bus Lane pilot
 - a. Tom: Is a pilot possible? Adam: Maybe, city might not have resources, maybe one day thing but not a one month one.
 - b. Alex F: good spot for temporal bus lane, no parking removed.
- 4. Powder House Blvd design update
 - a. Alan: Will there be more data collection? Adam: We have to do something with the street so we need to come to a decision in the next month.
 - b. Tom: Clarendon housing will trigger intersection for powder house and route 16.
- 5. Extending Webster Ave PBL to Prospect St
 - a. Adam: Webster lines (thermoplaster is there). Bike lane symbols and green paint need to be installed.
 - b. Alex F: Will bollards on webster be replaced? Adam: DPW is installing bollards and will replace bike bollards.
 - c. No Update on extension
- 6. Planning new Bluebikes stations
 - a. Emily: Where on Boston Ave are blue bikes going? Adam: Near Triangle
 - b. Tom: Can we move blue bikes from trum field closer to magoun? Adam: Yes, definitely worth exploring.
 - c. Greg: Are we doing expansions as part of GLX? Adam: No but we can think of moving some of the stations around?

Engineering (5 min)

- 1. Quick Win Opportunities– Ted F
 - a. Ted: Quick wins for city, just going to share.
 - b. Ted: Big sandies and armadillos, locations in tables.
 - c. Ian: Do we have budget on stuff for the quick build? Adam: We definitely have room for stuff like this in budget.

Enforcement (10 min)

- 1. Uber meeting recap - Kevin

Education & Encouragement (10 min) – Arah / Michael

- 1. Tour de Somerville recap
 - a. Michael: Great ride, 30 riders, 10 children. Casual ride. Had police escort (1 SUV, 1 bike). Finished with ice cream. Everyone was happy. Joint effort of Katie, Arah, and Michael.
 - b. Katie: I got comments about nice street that they didn't even know about.
 - c. Ted: Is the map on the website? Michael: We have to do that.

2. Other Education & Encouragement Updates

- a. Arah: We are working with shape up somerville to plan a back to school ride. Planning with somerville historic ride. Ride will be about tracking the T: old and new sites for transit.
- b. Alan: similar ride 12 years ago. Will get route.
- c. Arah: Member of medford bike group, interested in getting stops in medford as well.
- d. Katie: Screening for Bike Box PSA.
- e. Arah: Working with shape up somerville about cycling curriculum.
- f. Arah: Law firm that is giving out bike helmets to the tune of \$30,000 over whole program.
- g. Katie: At bike talk was mentioned just lots of small rides. If you have ideas for unusual rides.
- h. Ian: Bike breakfast, last friday of the month.