



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Mike Tremblay, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Dev.

Day/Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017

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

Location: Police Department/ Washington Street

Meeting started 6:37

Guests:

Susan McLucas

Michael Weber

Ted Lester

Kevin McGrath

Alex Frieden

JT Scott, Ward 2 aldermen candidate

Katie Pierce

Greg Shill

Ted Feldman

Procedural, General Business & Updates - 20 min

1. Guest introductions and sign-in sheet
2. Acting Secretary: Brandon Stafford
3. VOTE: Approve May Minutes

No quorum (only 4 present)

4. Bike Friendly Community application update

All team leads have been filling out sections. August 15th is deadline, but Mike would like to submit it early. Mike needs more feedback from some SBC subcommittees; please submit info by July SBC meeting. Mike is working on helping get Bike Riding School an arrangement for the school with the city.

5. Burning Questions (**AFTER you have read all the updates on the 5' E's Spreadsheet:-)**

Ward 3 has a competitive alderman race; visitor Ted Lester wonders if we can get and publicize bike-related info about candidates. Tom explained that as an official advisory committee, SBC is generally not involved in elections. There was

some discussion over whether offering questionnaires would be appropriate.
ACTION ITEM: Tom will seek clarification about SBC role, if any during the election.

Enid notes that she was pleased that the SBC sent a letter in support of SB1905.

Events: Tour de Donuts on Saturday; the leaders are still looking for help.
Tour de Fat coming up; they also would like help.

Project Deep Dives (45 Minutes)

1. How Union Square Projects Fit Together
 - o Union Sq Early Action Updates

Mike showed plans. Hoping for protected bike lanes on Washington Ave between Somerville Ave and MassDOT project at McGrath. SBC was pleased that the plans had been improved to include protected bike lanes.

- o Webster Ave

2-way conversion scheduled for late July; hopefully done before school starts in the fall

- o Somerville Ave Sewer Separation

Bid in fall 2017, then 3 construction seasons.

- o Protected intersection at Somerville Ave and Prospect

Mike showed plans from Toole. Tom suggested shifting the planned buffer on south side of Somerville Ave east of Prospect to protect the bike lane.

- o HSIP protected bike lanes on Washington St

Prioritized Park Street first, trying to get Washington next. Broadway will be done in 2018 as part of resurfacing. Temple will probably be saved for next year.

- o Complete Streets traffic light on Washington at Tufts

Funds are available; hoping to get this done in 2017.

- o Neighborways

Mark Chase listed off the Neighborways projects targeted for 2017.
Contraflow on Oliver and Gilman Streets all the way to high school and city hall.
Lake Street connection from Union to Artisan's Asylum and Aeronaut Brewery area.
Mural at Dimick, Waldo and Marion.
Mike Tremblay also showed plan for Hancock Street contraflow.

2. Hubway Expansion and Winter Operations in Somerville

12 stations exist now; 13th will be added in 2017 at Assembly Square as mitigation for Partners campus construction. 8 new stations in 2018 and 8 more in 2019. All curb-level (rather than street-level) stations will remain year-round. Hope to move all stations to be curb-level; 6 are now curb-level. Tom asked how SBC could provide feedback; Mike welcomes emails on this topic. Other nearby communities may also join system.

3. Bike Friendly Community Application update

(Completed in intro time.)

Team Updates / Help Needed (25 Minutes)

1. Eval & Planning team overview (15 minutes) – Alex F

Alex Frieden says they're working on making sure Beacon Street protected bike lane comes out well. Mark Chase has been working on West Somerville protected bike lanes. Mike suggests that no centerline will be painted between Powderhouse Circle and Mason Street; that paving may not happen until next year anyway.

Alex Frieden spoke about restriping schedule. We would like to start restriping earlier than July, which is the current schedule, which Mike says is driven by budget cycle.

Alex is looking for help doing a parking study on Medford Street near Target. Katie Pierce volunteers to count cars late at night. Alex can do afternoons or mornings.

Mike Tremblay notes that Medford Street repaving may occur this year.

Tom suggests Eval and Planning put together a map of what bike infrastructure is changing in Union Square over the next few years.

Eval and Planning meeting June 20th, 6:30 PM at Aeronaut

Education meeting June 19th, 6:30 PM at Aeronaut

2. Encouragement: Recap of Rush Hour Challenge and Bike Month – Alex A

Cyclist came in 2nd. Kevin McGrath recommends more free swag and better organization of who is bringing stuff to the event. Katie suggests table weights would be useful.

ACTION ITEM: Brandon will buy some more clips.

Mark Chase suggests a checklist of tabling tips.

ACTION ITEM: Emily Balkam, as a member of the encouragement team, will organize the making of a tabling tips checklist.

Emily suggests that our Rush Hour Race convoys could be better organized.

3. Other E's-- what's one big goal for next month and help that you need to accomplish it?

Kevin McGrath: Enforcement committee will be circulating winter maintenance letter that SBC hopes to submit to city by August, so please comment on plan before July meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Kevin will email out letter draft.

Emily Balkam: Ken and Emily did bike-friendly business outreach.

ACTION ITEM: Kevin McGrath will pass Emily contact info for League of American Cyclists to get info for bike-friendly business status.

ACTION ITEM: Tom suggests that Enid check which guests are now eligible to join the committee (likely Kevin McGrath and Alex Frieden).

Enid brought up email from Alan Moore about Fluffernutter ride on Northern Strand Trail. General enthusiasm for ride, but some concern that the ride may be too long and that the commuter rail may be too expensive. Tom Lamar is concerned June or July might be too soon. Possibility of Community Preservation Ride discussed.

Tom suggests that Alan work with Encouragement team to plan details.

Meeting adjourned 8:03 PM.