



SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Skye Stewart, Office of the Mayor
Katjana Ballyntine, City Council
Commissioner Stan Koty, Dept. of Public Works
p Adam Polinski, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development
p Deputy Chief Steve Carrabino, Police Department

Thursday March 7, 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM, Academy Room, Police Department, Washington St. (p = members present)

Link to Meeting Slides: [HERE](#)

Procedural, General Business & Updates (20 Minutes)

1. Guest introductions and sign-in sheet. Guests: Kristiana Lachiusa (LIvableStreets), Brent Woo, Emi Gaal, Gregory Ely, Brian Hack, George Schneeloch (Cambridge Bike Safety). "Small talk": Street where you live and winter bike tire size?
2. Acting Secretary: Alan
3. VOTE: Approve February Minutes (after quorum of members present) – APPROVED (motion by Alex, seconded by Kevin, 7 "yeas")
4. 2018 Annual Report Draft Update – Ken
To be finalized in early April, thanks to all those who contributed and Emily and Arah for editing it
5. Change SBAC Meeting date – This was being considered due to a request by Katjana Ballyntine. It was decided that there is no meeting date that will work. SBAC leadership will meet with Katjana monthly to update her.
6. Tabling Materials – Ken
Who has them?, Ted F. needs Monday evening; print out more maps, especially when "Alex's (F)" Future 2030 goal/plan map is complete. Michael to take responsibility. Provide any further comments on existing map to Adam. Tom – use Union Sq. plan goals (and from any other City planning documents) to show proposed cycling infrastructure. Adam – use Open Street map?

City Update (20 min) - Adam

1. City Staffing update - Interviews starting for transportation planner position, but not for senior planner.
2. Upcoming (March 14) Traffic Commissions agenda items: Park St. parking removal, consolidation of bus stops and parking removal on Broadway.
3. Winter Hill Broadway improvements: Uphill Bike Lane to be included from Temple to Main. Parking removal needed. Adam confident that the pavement marking, signal changes, etc., will go smoothly. Contractor secured for signal priority/changes. Another possible meeting in April/May likely.
4. Schedule of Meetings in Spring: see within other items
5. Vision Zero report – next steps: kick-off meeting in April/May, goal is to finalize plans by May, get more public input.
6. Preparing for 2019 construction season: no significant changes since Feb.: Lower/upper Medford planning in progress, Holland 2020 likely. Park St. parking removal for bike lanes. Broadway bridge closure begins in March. Look at the slide table for more details. Discussed how/if to make the table public, or some other way to summarizing projects on the SomervilleBikes.org website.
7. Resistat meetings start up in May: SBC members encouraged to attend their ward meetings.

SBAC Education/Encouragement Team Updates (10 min)

1. Arah volunteered to lead.
2. Bike Month kick-off: April 28, 1-5 pm at Aeronaut Brewery. Panel discussion on sustainable transportation. Other events/ideas welcome. Need help with outreach, invites – especially to businesses. Planning meeting March 12 at Aeronaut. Being coordinated by Arah. Volunteer sign up needed: <https://goo.gl/forms/4DyFusHbZBN8oMrA2>

SBAC Enforcement and Public Safety Team Updates (15 min)

1. Name rebranding. Enforcement and Bike Safety Team
2. Ride share letter got good publicity. Meeting with Lyft end March. Deputy Chief Carrabino to attend.
3. Upcoming meeting with Chief Fallon by Kevin and others.

SBAC High Priority Project Updates (25 min)

1. Holland St- Ken representing Lena/Jon: Bus/Bike lane pilot this spring being developed will require some parking removal. Ward councilors and Mayor on board. Brad has requested a Barr Foundation funded parking study by MAPC. We need to talk with business owners and customers. Training for survey volunteers on March 19th, 7-8:30 pm at LivableStreets office. Supporters will be needed at future Traffic Commission meeting.

Action items: “Team Holland”

2. Powderhouse Blvd. Update – Ken representing Mark: considerable interest (March 5 community mtg. after tragedy) in protected bike lanes, many residents surveyed (more than half bike), parking utilization study done, SBC met with Brad, Katjana and Lance. Toole Design engaged to review any plans for Blvd. as well as circle. Jon developing protected bike lane plans, parking study March 9, more meetings with councilors, neighbors and funeral home.
3. (Upper) Medford St. update - Alex F.: important bike route, needs improvements. City did some parking studies in the past and Adam has the data. Another parking inventory recently completed (by Alex F.). Great response for volunteers for parking utilization study March 11-16. Door knocking in April with Councilor Mark. N. Community meeting in mid-May.

Banter over Beer: Location TBA