

SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, March 23, 2004

AGENDA

Approval of February minutes, City Report, 2004 Priorities, Subcommittees, Announcements

ATTENDEES Bhupesh Patel Greg Palmer Jim Gallagher
Alan Moore Jenifer Kaminsky
Officials: Stephen Winslow - OHCD
Friends of the Community Path Rep: Joel Bennett

1. MINUTES APPROVED - February meeting minutes approved. It was requested to number the issues and items on the minutes for easier reference and to email text only.

2. CITY REPORT- Steve Winslow

a. James Kostaras - hired as new Director of Office of Housing and Community Development.

b. Community Path - Design concept developed: path will follow center line of track and then pull towards the south side of the right-of-way under the Lowell Street Bridge, up an embankment behind the Visiting Nurse Assn. Assisting Living Center and then cross the parking lot (owned by Cambridge Health Alliance). Meeting held between City and CHA. Still exchanging information.

School St. to Cambridge city line - Over 25 proposals sent out, good attendance at informational meeting. Bids are due Tuesday, March 2 at 2 pm.

MassHighway Davis Sq. to Alewife improvements - Public meeting set for May 13, 7pm at the TAB Building; will include some discussion of Belmont and Cambridge sections.

c. Stop and Shop - Bhupesh provided e-mail to Stop & Shop's lawyer about our concerns, who called Steve; they will get back to him within two weeks with response to our concerns/requests.

d. Lowell St. Bridge - The project went out to bid. OHCD is looking for the plans so that we can review them.

e. Assembly Square - a major effort has begun to re-do the zoning for this area.

f. Somerville Ave. reconstruction - The projected cost is \$2 million more than budgeted. Effort to close funding gap rather than to cut projects. The Mayor's office did decide that historic lighting should be used in all reconstruction projects.

g. Magoun Square is "out of compliance", example of why we need a bicycle parking ordinance.

h. Coordination with City Departments - still need a designated staff from each department and a process for working with them to implement the Bicycle Guidelines.

3. SBC Membership -

a. Officials: New city representative/contact persons (Lucy Walsh from Mayor's Office, Denise Provost for Board of Aldermen, DPW- still needs to be identified).

b. Advertising for new members: Press release went out, newspaper advertisements were published and emails were sent to various organizational listserves/ mailing lists.

4. Decisions/Action Items

a. 2 Alpine St: Steve was given guidance to meet with the owner of 2 Alpine St. and to try and get back as much of their parking lot as possible for the Path.

b. Stop & Shop - Bhupesh & Steve will continue communications with Stop & Shop on possible bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

c. Possible path encroachments - Greg & Bhupesh will continue to monitor plans for 131 Willow Ave. and 35Rear Lexington Ave.

5. Priorities, guidance to Steve Winslow, assignment to subcommittees, etc.

a. see other email from Alan summarizing these

Announcements -

April 24 - Mystic River Crossing Group - 1 pm @ Wellington T station, Medford

April 28 - Active Living by Design meeting with Mark Fenton, Somerville High School Library - 10 am-2 pm

May 1 - Mystic River Watershed Clean-up, meet at Alewife T station

May 2nd - The Mystic River Herring Run

May 22 - Third annual Historic Tour of Somerville

Meeting Adjourned 9:05pm

Prepared by Stephen Winslow and reviewed by Greg Palmer and Alan Moore