

**SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE**  
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Stephen Winslow, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (SPCD)

**MEETING MINUTES**    Tuesday, January 18, 2005, City Hall

**ATTENDEES**            Alan, Ron, Greg, Jim G., Steve, Dereck  
Guests: Dan Diana, Dorie Clark-MassBike

**1. Minutes** - Ron Newman, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. The December minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Guests** - Dan Diana; lives on Loring St. (off Somerville Ave., nr. Market Basket); wife bikes to Alewife.

Dorie Clark- Executive Director, Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition (MassBike)

**2. City Report** - Steve Winslow

**A. Community Path** - Phase 1, Cedar St. to Central St.: Survey issues, leases, are being resolved for the right-of-way at Somerville Junction (Lowell St. active main line and freight branch). The Friends of the Community Path will be paying the abandonment filing fee for the freight branch that is leased by Guilford. Jim G. asked for an update on the design. Steve replied that consultant Vollmer Associates has attended more right-of-way meetings and spent more time adopting plans than anticipated. They have been asked to put together a cost estimate of those meetings.

**B. Davis Square crossing/busway** - Steve has spoken to MassHighway Project Manager Phil McDonald about the latest concept for the busway- widened sidewalk with parallel path for bicycles up to the MBTA College Ave. headhouse. Comments from MHD should be forthcoming.

**C. 'No Bikes' sidewalk stencils** - It was noted that some of the Davis Sq. sidewalk stencils are wearing off, particularly on bricks. Steve will relay this to Traffic and Parking.

**D. Legislation** - A letter is going out soon from the mayor supporting the Bicyclist Rules and Responsibilities legislation on Beacon Hill.

Dorie Clark of MassBike was introduced. She explained the history and workings of the statewide advocacy organization for bicyclists. This is the best year ever for the prospect of passing the Bicyclist Rules and Responsibilities bill, and other legislation. Other activities include: cycling skills instruction classes; a kickoff meeting for a Metro Boston chapter; and a "Safe Routes to School" program.

**3. Meeting for bicycle-related businesses** - Steve would like to invite Somerville bicycle retailers, manufacturers and others to get together with the SBC to talk about issues of mutual concern. He's aiming for a March date.

**4. On-road accommodations** - Tufts student Ali MacDonald is out until later this month. No subcommittee meeting has been scheduled.

**5. Bicycle parking ordinance** - Steve recommended, and the Committee concurred, that the current drafted ordinance be held until he meets with city Planning Dept. staff, and an upcoming meeting of the Aldermen's zoning committee.

**6. Draw 7 Park to Route 99 path extension** - Steve reported that the state Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has completed the scope of work that the yet-to-be-chosen consultant will work from.

**7. Volunteer effort to start work on Community Path** - Alan has been in contact with a railway museum regarding the cost of effective removal of ties and rail.

**8. Maxpak site** - Steve will attend the next community meeting on Jan. 19. Alan will draft a letter afterwards expressing the concerns of the SBC.

**9. Other issues** - Bhupesh will not be reapplying for another term on the Committee. Greg will plan a farewell lunch or dinner for him.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 22, at City Hall, basement lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Palmer, Secretary