

Community Path. \$30,000 has been added to the Vollmer Associates contract to pay for more time spent on design changes. Jim asked about the status of the path design. Steve replied that it is at 25%.

B. Davis Square crossing/busway - An official response letter has been received by the city from the MBTA regarding objections to the proposed bike lanes down the busway. Ron asked Steve for a copy of the letter. Jim mentioned that if the project is to get onto the 2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the city needs a prompt response from the T to the new proposal for a widened sidewalk/pathway along the busway. Steve wants to have a meeting with the T on both the path extension and the MassHighway path improvements through Davis Square.

C. Union Square - The square is now part of the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "Main Streets" program. Also, an arts grant of \$50,000 has been allocated for streetscape improvements. Steve was asked to find out how bicycle racks could be included in this. The Prospect/Webster two-way street project should get underway this year. Phil will ask a friend who lives in the square if she would consider attending Union Sq. meetings on behalf of the bicycle committee.

D. Twin City Plaza - The shopping center that straddles the Somerville-Cambridge line, off McGrath Hwy., has asked about bike racks. Steve will visit the site, along with Peter.

4. Mystic River/Draw 7 Park to Route 99 path extension/Earhart Dam - The EPA deadline for the land transfer transaction will be extended to June 30. The mayors of Somerville and Everett met with the state Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) the same day the DCR commissioner resigned. It is not expected to affect the project. Steve said the feasibility study and design will use up most of the mitigation money.

5. Bicycle parking ordinance - The date has not been set for when the Planning Dept. will hear zoning changes.

6. Meeting for bicycle-related businesses - Steve has started having informal conversations with Somerville bicycle retailers, manufacturers and others.

7. On-road accommodations - Tufts student Ali MacDonald briefly spoke about School St. A subcommittee meeting will be set up.

8. Maxpak site - Asher Miller was recommended to be on the site committee, representing bicyclists.

9. Post and ring parking - A survey of existing P&R bike racks, and suggested locations for new racks will be done by the committee, by wards. Ali will write up instructions and distribute.

10. Other issues - Dereck will work on suggestions for improving or expanding the SBC page on the city's web site. The April and May SBC meetings will be moved to the 4th. Tuesday of the month to accommodate Steve, who will be out of town on the 3rd. Tuesdays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 15, at City Hall, basement lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Palmer, Secretary