

**SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE**  
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**MEETING MINUTES**    Tuesday, May 16, 2006, City Hall

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**     Alan, Greg, Ron, Jim, Steve

**GUESTS:**                     Minona Heaviland, Doris Schartel, Brian Postlewaite

- 1. Minutes** - Alan called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. The April meeting minutes were approved.
- 2. New members** - In order to expedite future applications for committee membership, Steve will draft orders for the mayor.
- 3. Bicycle breakfast** - Peter and Doris volunteered to greet cyclists at the Broken Yolk on College Ave. at the May 18 Bicycle Breakfast during Bike Week. Ron will send an announcement to email lists.
- 4. Bike ride of historic Somerville** - Two police officers on bikes will join the ride; Steve and Minona will work on web page notices if the ride is rain delayed; Greg will bring copies of the waiver to the ride.
- 5. SCAT talk show** - Greg said that panelists and the format are being finalized, as well as the video segments.
- 6. Off-leash dog areas** - A dog owners task force has been created by the city in response to requests by Som-Dog, the dog owners advocacy group, to create more off-leash dog runs. Som-Dog has identified 3 areas of the Path between Grove and Cedar as possible dog run areas. A community meeting was being held at the same time as the SBC meeting, with Carlene Campbell, SPCD liaison, and Joel Bennett of the Friends of the Community Path in attendance. Concerns: Alan- leashed dogs on path and potential collisions; Steve- contaminants in the soil, which needs testing; Greg- importance of bicyclist representation in public meetings like these. MOTION: to form a subcommittee on dogs on paths, passed unanimously. Members will be Steve, Alan, Jim, and Joel.
- 7. Washington St. bike lanes** - Steve replied to a cyclist's email about motor vehicles driving in the bike lane. There was general agreement that this was a police enforcement issue. The deteriorating pavement condition was also brought up- it is unknown when any resurfacing is scheduled. It will be mentioned when Steve and Greg meet with Mike Buckley at DPW.
- 8. Meeting with the mayor** - Steve and Alan will talk about several bicycle issues at a meeting on June 20, including implementing "sharrows" and lane striping, traffic enforcement, among others. Members are encouraged to email Steve and Alan with other concerns.

**9. Assembly Square bicycle racks** - Steve will bring this up at an upcoming meeting with Federal Reality, owners of the mall.

**10. Community Path** - Steve suggested that the city's priority should be to push the Cedar St. to Central St. extension project over the Davis Square improvements at this time. Regarding Davis Square, Judith Nitsch Engineering is about to submit the 75% design plans to MassHighway. Steve will contact the MHD project manager for a copy of the plans when they are available for the city and the committee to review. Alan will send a letter to Ken Miller, chair of the Transportation Planning and Programming Committee at the Boston Region MPO, stating the SBC's priority is Cedar to Central.

**11. Path access from MaxPak site** - Steve and Alan will meeting with developers KSS to give input on path access issues.

**12. Safe Routes to School** - Alan reported on a Cambridge "Green Streets" program that aims to minimize parents' driving kids to school, and the potential to use it in Somerville.

**13. Magoun Square** - Minona will do a site visit and write up observations for when community meetings start up again.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 20, at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Palmer, Secretary