

**SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE**

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MEETING MINUTES                      Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 7:00 p.m., City Hall  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:                 Alan, Jim, Ron, Charlie, Brian, Enid  
GUESTS:                                     Meredith Garniss, Lauren Clayton, Steve DaSilva

1. Minutes. The Committee approved the December minutes, as amended.
2. Guests. In addition to Lauren Clayton and Steve DaSilva, who have attended previously, guests at the meeting included Meredith Garniss, from Willoughby and Baltic. Meredith attended to familiarize the Committee with her group of 55 designers, roboticists, engineers, and fabricators who are looking to develop a community project that may involve bicycle rental machines on private land just off the Community Path. Following Meredith's presentation, the Committee suggested other organizations and individuals that might prove helpful to Willoughby and Baltic's plans. Alan said he would provide Meredith with contact information regarding the Friends of the Community Path and website.
3. Election of Officers. In Steve Winslow's absence, the Committee postponed elections until the February meeting.
4. Bicycle Safety Bill – Somerville Ramifications. Jim will compare the newly passed State Bicycle Safety Bill with the Somerville Ordinance.
5. Annual (2008) SBC Report. Brian and Alan will confer and prepare a report for the February meeting of the Committee.
6. Somerville Historic Ride. Ron said he would contact Brandon Wilson and John Roderick about choosing a theme for the May 2009 Somerville Historic Ride. "Old Schools of Somerville," considered last year, remains a possibility. Other themes under consideration include old theaters and trolley routes in Somerville and Somerville immigration history.

7. Comprehensive Bicycle Plan Issues.

With the Committee's agreement, Alan said he would work with Steve Winslow to merge their two versions of the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan. Committee members were asked to forward suggestions to Alan and Steve W. before the February SBC meeting.

Alan will add existing bike rack locations to a map of bike rack locations that Brian started online. Members are asked to forward ideas for additional bike rack locations to Steve Winslow. Brian also suggested that members and other bicyclists call Somerville's 311 number to report bike racks that need repair or re-installation.

Steve DaSilva said he would update the Somerville-by-Bike Map. Brian said he would forward his own and others' recommendations to Steve D.

Brian and Alan are to prepare a bicycle plan (with counter flow options) for White Street. In his role as SBC Chair, Alan will contact Steve Miller at the Cambridge Bicycle Committee regarding bike routes that connect Somerville and Cambridge. Ideally, the Somerville and Cambridge Bicycle Committees will now begin to cooperate regularly on routes and other bicycle matters that involve their respective cities.

Charlie made a motion, seconded by Ron, that the SBC ask Terry Smith to add Cedar Street and Bow Street to his Year 2009 bike accommodation planning. The motion passed. Brian said he would convey the Committee's request to both Steve Winslow and Terry Smith.

The Committee also discussed future development of a "neighborhood streets plan," of interest to many Committee members.

8. Beacon St.-Somerville Ave. Steve Winslow has been working to get the MHD to follow through on design changes (bike lanes, bike box, etc.) suggested by the Committee for the intersection of Beacon Street and Somerville Avenue. Brian will call Steve to volunteer his assistance on this project. The Committee will review progress on this matter at the February meeting with an eye to preparing comment letters as necessary at that time.
9. Alewife Brook Path (MA DCR). The Somerville Conservation Commission has indicated that it wants the DCR to consider installing any pathway along the Somerville segment of the Alewife Brook Path such that it will allow infiltration. Members of the Bicycle Committee suggested that use of permeable pavement on the Somerville segment might both address the concerns of the Conservation Commission and meet the needs of cyclists. Alan will discuss plans for the Alewife Brook Path with the Somerville Conservation Commission.
10. Community Path Extension. The City has taken the position that further design of the Community Path Extension should occur in conjunction with the next stage of Green Line Extension design. Alan will send an e-mail letter to Monica Lamboy supporting the City's position and asking how the Committee can help. Alan will also send a request to Steve Winslow asking that any Community Path RFP set aside time to work with the Bicycle Committee on designs for the Lowell Street/Community Path connection.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting is 7:00 p.m., February 17, 2009 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Enid Kumin,  
Secretary