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MEETING MINUTES Meeting held September 25, 2001

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AGENDA Announcements, Bike Racks, Cambridge Health Alliance, Subcommittees, Bridges, Tour de Somerville

ATTENDEES Joel Bennett Darren Carlton Jim Gallagher Adam Kessel
Ron Newman Greg Palmer Bhupesh Patel Andy Rubel
Jeff Levine and Tuck O'Brien, Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
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Andy Rubel

1. Spice of Life report by Joel Bennett that it was a success. The tent was filled with bicycles
2. Bike Racks Subcommittee – **Bhupesh, Greg, Jim**
 - **Bhupesh** summarized the Bike rack meeting at Davis Square with MBTA
 - i. New 10'-0" rack to be added at both head houses installed on concrete pad with sufficient lighting
 - ii. Canopy over racks suggested to MBTA. It was stressed not to be a priority by MBTA
 - iii. **Andy** notes "ideally" canopy should come before the prohibition of bicycles in non-designated areas.
 - iv. John Dowlin recommended by **Andy** for a reference source
 - **Bhupesh** asked for volunteers to document existing racks and recommend additional to be categorized by "squares"
 - i. Union Square
 - ii. Davis Square by **Bhupesh**
 - iii. Magoun Square and East Broadway by **Darren** & ??
 - iv. Teele Square by **Andy**
 - v. Ball Square by **Joel**
 - vi. McGrath Highway
 - vii. Assembly Square
 - Other categories to follow include "Parks", "Schools", and "Commercial entities"
3. Cambridge Health Alliance
 - **Greg** asked Bill Taylor at Carol Johnson Associates to sketch out a proposal for threading community path through the parking lot
 - **Bhupesh** checked for potential alternative developments and found only two three families to be the maximum use.
 - **Tuck** to contact us when CHA takes next step with their proposal.
 - **Sean O'Donovan**, Alderman, will leaflet neighborhood whenever the next meeting is announced.
4. Infrastructure Subcommittee - **Greg, Jim, Ron** – Linear Park Funds
 - \$960,000 worth of funds are approved but not obligated for continuing path through Davis Square.
 - **Jim** will check with Todd Fontinella on status
 - Scope of path includes Brighton Road from Belmont to Cedar street in Somerville
 - **Greg** will get in touch with Jeff Wheeler, planner at Belmont, for status.
5. Friends of the Community Path
 - They are attempting to make contact with the appropriate politicians
 - Question is whether or not the first section can end at Woodbine Street?
6. City bridges
 - **Bhupesh** handed out summary of all bridges and schedule of construction for each bridge
 - Christi Wrigley at OHCD of Somerville is managing all the bridges.
 - **Jim** noted the urgency for us to get involved in the bridges.
 - Lowell Street Bridge is an issue and School Street Bridge is slated to be the first to be replaced.
 - **Ron** suggested we look at contra-flow option for bridge proposed for School Street.
 - **Darren** suggests need for lane width to accommodate bicyclists
7. Traffic Regulations Subcommittee (**Jim, Adam, Andy**)
 - Nothing new to report
8. Cochituate Rail Trail
 - Letter written and read by **Greg**.
 - Unanimous approval vote to send letter of support by Somerville Bike Committee.

"Advocates for Pedestrians, Bicyclists, and other environmentally sensible transportation"

9. Tour de Somerville
 - City of Somerville Legal Dept, Susan Callahan, should review waiver. **Jeff** will send communication to Legal Dept.
 - Reviewed Route
 - Dan Driscoll is master planning the Lower Mystic, and undercarriage is still in budget (contact state Rep. Vinny Ciampa to claim support.
 - **Andy** will donate maps and Bicycle guide books with funds going to Friends of the Community Path.
10. John Allen invited to next meeting to give a talk. Refer to Massbike.org then "Bike expert" for background information.
11. **Jeff** and **Tuck** to send letter to Conference Committee Chair concerning ???
12. Everyone is encouraged to visit the bike racks at Bread and Circus on Putnam Avenue in Cambridgeport.

Please notify SBC at Bhupes@msn.com of any discrepancies, within **seven days** of release date below and JLevine@ci.somerville.ma.us for any inquiries.

cc. all community and public members stated above, City of Somerville web site, and list of documented other generous "active volunteers" and community subscribers