

SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Police Jim Hodgdon
Traffic & Parking Todd Blake
OHCD Jeff Levine
OHCD Tuck O'Brien
Mayor's Office Heather Rowe
Dept. Public Works

MEETING MINUTES Meeting held July 23, 2002

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AGENDA Announcements, City Report, Comm. Path, Bylaws, Bike Regs., Subcommittee, Action Plan

ATTENDEES Darren Carlton Turil Cronburg Andy Rubel Lars Kellogg-Stedman Jim Gallagher
Ron Newman Greg Palmer Bhupesh Patel Tuck O'Brien- OHCD
Tuck O'Brien-OHCD Jim Hodgdon – Police dept Dominic Siraco-guest.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice-Chair Darren Carlton
Turil Cronburg
Jim Gallagher
Adam Kessel
Ron Newman
Chairperson Greg Palmer
Secretary Bhupesh Patel
Andy Rubel
Lars Kellogg-Stedman

1. **Announcements**
 - June meeting minutes approved.
 - Next meeting will be held on August 27th, 6-8pm. Agenda will precede meeting.
 - Website potential will be investigated by Lars and Adam including city web site link and our own domain
2. **City Report** - Tuck O'Brien
 - There is an Somerville Bike committee in box at the city hall on the third floor.
 - Invoice for strobes will be submitted for Bike Week giveaway.
 - Copy of City comments concerning IKEA are held at city hall for public review
 - City will move ahead with Comm. Path to Central Street and resolve Camb. Health Alliance Easement
 - Bike lane markings for Union square were agreed to with 9'-0" or 9'-9" fog line with a door zone and a minimum 1'-0" distance for bike stencil location from the right most edge of fog line. Vote was 7 for, 2. against.
 - The removal of "bike signs" on Holland street "T" station Head house was agreed upon.
3. **Friends of the Community Path**- Turil
 - Artbeat was successful with two tables and many Rubel maps were sold.
 - Phased Format for Community path implementation is preferred by the Friends of the Comm. Path
4. **Bike Traffic Regulations** – Andy, Jim, Adam met with Bill Lyons of Traffic and Parking (T&P).
 - Language concerning "should" or "encourage" use of bike lanes to be investigated for precedence
 - Subcommittee prefers "bicycles yield to pedestrians", even though T&P state bicycles have right of way.
 - Paul Schimek, Bicycle Program Manager for the City of Boston will write a letter of support
 - Jim Hodgdon will check with other police departments for precedents
5. **Tour de Somerville subcommittee** – was formed with Greg, Darren, Lars, and Ron
 - We can have Arts council, Friends of the Comm., Path and others help sponsor this year.
9. **Action Plan**
 - Meetings can be announced in Boston Globe "city weekly"
 - Subcommittees
 - **Infrastructure** – Greg, Jim G., Tuck and Ron
 - **Legislation** – Jim G. and Andy
 - Current project is to finish the Bike Regs
 - Future project will be Bike Parking Ordinance
 - **Education** - Turil (head), Dominick, and Lars
 - Current project is Safety classes in schools
 - Future project is to distribute pamphlets such as "Share the Road" and Pothole postcards
 - **Bike Parking** – Bhupesh (head), Darren, Todd, Ron
 - Current projects is to complete the Bike rack inventory
 - Future projects is to initiate projects such as Commercial vendors program
 - **Public Relations/Outreach** – Greg (head), Turil
 - Current projects is to attend public meetings and recruiting of volunteers for meetings
 - Future project is to build web potential
 - **Bike Routes** – Bhupesh (head), Darren, Todd
 - Current projects is to distribute completed routes map and lane marking standards
 - Future projects is the Safe Routes to schools map and signage
 - **Web Site** – Lars (head), Darren, Tuck

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 generous "active volunteers" and community subscribers

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