

SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES Meeting held April 28, 2003

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AGENDA Bike Week, East Broadway Bicycle Guidelines, City Report, Bikes on Sidewalks, Community Path RFP, Announcements

ATTENDEES Jim Gallagher Alan Moore Asher Miller Ron Newman
Greg Palmer Bhupesh Patel Tuck O'Brien-OHCD Jim Hodgdon-Police

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1. **Minutes approved** – for March 24th meeting. Next meeting is May 27th @ City Hall 6:30pm on the 3rd floor.
2. **Bike Week** –
 - Historical Ride will be held on Sunday May 17th
 - i. Brandon will coordinate and there will be a \$3.00 fee
 - ii. Volunteers should contact Ron by next week.
 - iii. Bhupesh can Xerox flier if fee can be waived. Ron will check with Brandon.
 - iv. A new historic district and Broadway Theatre will be added to the Tour route.
 - v. Somerville Museum will open early for the tour.
 - "Goodies" will be distributed.
 - i. Bike lights and other items can be distributed
 - ii. Locations include Beacon and Washington (Bhupesh and Asher), Somerville Theatre in Davis Square (Greg and Jim)
 - iii. Friday May 16th will be the best day.
 - Mass Bike website has a schedule of events listed for the week.
3. **East Broadway** -
 - Greg attended the public meeting. 25 to 30 people attended. Concerns about Franklin street traffic and the exclusion of Broadway up to the Charlestown line were raised.
 - Bhupesh will write a comment letter for all to review. Three issues will be addressed:
 - i. Long term short term parking of bicycles.
 - ii. The lack of pedestrian islands for safe refuge.
 - iii. Reiterating the bike committee has established Broadway as the east-west crosstown route for bicycles along North Somerville.
4. **Bicycle Guidelines** –
 - Tuck noted two issues need to be finalized- bike parking and the inclusion of "Routes map" and /or "plans"
 - Jim Hodgdon also needs to review the document.
 - We will have two work sessions to finalize the document by May. Asher, Jenifer, Turil, Bhupesh to attend.
 - Tentative date for the first work session is May 9. Please contact Bhupesh to confirm.
5. **City Report** - Tuck O'Brien
 - May 14th will be the first public meeting for the Rapid Transit Feasibility study @7:00pm at City Hall
 - **Mystic Crossing** Task force will be reestablished soon. Ron would like to participate.
 - **Somerville Avenue** is now back at 25%. Scope runs from Cambridge line @ Porter to Union Square. Tuck will bring drawings to the next meeting.
 - **Beacon Street** is now at 75%. Scope is from Oxford Street to Cambridge line. Drawings need to be reviewed by the Bike committee (next meeting). This street is a good candidate for "Bike symbol".
 - **College Avenue** project is still outstanding. Scope is from Powderhouse Circle to Medford line.
 - **Temple Street** is outstanding.
 - **Lowell Street** – Ron noted if it will be open for many current bikes and peds. Users during construction.
 - **Washington Street** under Route 28 was submitted to City recently.
 - **Davis Square crossing of Community Path** was well received by Davis Square Task Force.

6. **Community Path RFP –**

- Vollmer Inc was awarded the design scope of Cedar Street to Central Street.
- The contract is being negotiated, but we anticipate the design will be completed next year.

7. **Bikes on Sidewalks**

- Specifics have been noted in the traffic regulations.
- Bhupesh has drafted the visuals illustrating areas restricted from sidewalk riding.
- Asher will volunteer to write up a prose to describe initiative for inclusion with Bike week.
- Greg will spearhead the distribution. Suggestions were also made:
 - i. Posting at coffeeshops and vendors.
 - ii. Op/Ed piece in the newspapers.
 - iii. Cable TV access.

8. **Announcements**

- Route 28 first public meeting will be held on May 20th 7:00pm at City Hall 2nd Floor.
- Asher will email the possible web blog possibilities and the Bicycle Guidelines could later be included.
- Jenifer was sworn in. Alan, Asher, Jim, Bhupesh, and Greg still need to be sworn in
- Greg will email everyone the Massbike legislation support letter for all to submit to the representatives.

9. **Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm**