

Cambridge Bicycle Committee

November 18, 2009

Present: Ellen Aaronson, John Burckardt, Manju Gokhale, Catharine Hornby (chair), Ian Klepetar (visitor), Megan Krey, Aaron Ladd, Tom Meek, Steve Miller, George Perkins (vice chair/took minutes), Chris Porter, Andrew Prescott, Cara Seiderman (city of Cambridge), Adam Serafin (MIT), Peter Stokes, James Wilcox (DPW).

I. Minutes, Agenda Review

1. No changes to October minutes
2. No changes to Agenda.

II. Bicycle Benefits

1. Ian Klepetar presented Bicycle Benefits.
2. Goal: a national bike movement.
3. 680 businesses are signed on.
4. Newsletter is on the web.
5. Ian asked for volunteers to monitor sticker supply, window sign postings at local businesses. Catharine observed that we can do this collectively as a group. Ian requested that we email any comments to him.
6. Manju observed that Bicycle Benefits information could be added to our Facebook and Cambridgebikes websites.
7. Bike Committee to inform Ian of Go Green month events.

III. Committee Logistics

A. State Ethics Law

1. Recent changes to state ethics laws require us to read and sign State Ethics Committee document.
2. Committee members are all subject to Conflict of Interest Law for Municipal Employees.
3. Members cannot do paid work on a project that the committee has worked on.
4. Members may consult City lawyer with any questions.
5. Open Meeting Law coming into effect June 1: substantive discussions via by email are explicitly disallowed.

B. Recruitment and Reappointment process for 2010

1. Appointments will run January to January.
2. Outreach: members to encourage new people to join; seek gender and ethnic diversity.

IV. Projects and Planning

A. What we have done over the past year

1. Wayfinding signs
2. Bike Rides
3. City Smart
 - a. Art ride, sans movie
 - b. Shopping ride
 - c. Kids Day
 - d. Freebie kit design
4. Reviewed development proposals
5. Created city wide map for focus or future conversations with City.
6. BU Bridge/Union Sq mapping.
7. Advocated for good bridge design

8. Attended Harvard Allston MEPA review.
9. Contacted elected officials.
10. Media outreach.
11. Wrote letters.
12. Attended and testified at planning meetings.
13. Bike Week participation.
14. Bike rides photos.
15. Facebook group.
16. Maintained Cambridebikes.org website.
17. Outreach at Fresh Pond Day.

B. Priorities for Work Projects for coming year

1. Technical Review (George, Peter, Chris)
2. Bike rides (Andrew, Megan)
3. Helmet Advocacy (Megan)
4. Network Planning (Catharine, Chris, Tom, Steve)
5. Construction sites: concern re construction vehicles parked in bike lanes, and dirt/stones. Jim encouraged committee members to call DPW 24/7.
6. City Smart, expand/develop (Catharine, Tom)
7. Connect with bike committees in neighboring towns. (Maybe outside of regular meetings).
8. Study bike connections in DCR projects.
9. New Watertown bike path link to Minuteman—get involved. (We have studied this).
10. Wayfinding (Adam, Chris).
11. Outdoor maps (pole/sign-mounted).
12. Mass Ave corridor focus (Ellen, Tom).
13. Bike Week/Go Green. (Aaron, Adam)
14. Quieter/safer routes to school (Manju).
15. Attend public meetings (George)
16. Review development proposals (Peter)
17. Media outreach (Manju).
18. Advocate for good bridge design (Tom)
19. Priority for 2010 (CDD): promote zoning revisions to establish more logical bike parking requirements in private development

V. Reports, Updates, Meetings

A. Construction and Public Works

1. Jim handed out and reviewed list of large projects (attached) .
2. See 5 year plan (link on report) for list of all road projects.

B. Police Report

1. Kathy unable to attend this evening.
2. 9 crashes, including 1 dooring (driver cited) and 2 turning.

V. Announcements and Next Committee Meetings (5 min)

1. Next meeting: December Holiday Potluck
2. Next meeting date: Wednesday December 9 (confirm), 5:30-7:30 pm.
3. Recognize 10 year committee members at next meeting.