

## **Bicycle Committee Meeting**

**9/12/2018**

DRAFT MINUTES

### **Attendance**

Committee: Corby Bacco, Mark Boswell, John Ellersick, Amy Flax, Dien Ho, Michael Proscia, Todd Robinson, Ruthann Rudel, Randy Stern, Peter Stokes, Andrea Williams

Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Greg Hanafin (CDD), Jim Wilcox (DPW), Stephen Meuse (TP&T), Juan Avendano (CDD), Kathy Watkins (DPW), Melissa Miguel (DPW)

### **I. Agenda Review, Minutes**

The minutes from the June meeting were approved.

### **II. Projects**

#### **A. Huron Avenue, Concord Ave. – Garden Street**

Juan Avendano from CDD and Kathy Watkins and Melissa Miguel from DPW gave a presentation on bike infrastructure updates as part of the Huron Ave project. Previously the plans included shared-lane markings on Huron Ave between Concord Ave and Garden St. A new iteration of the plan includes a bike lane in the westbound direction between RC Kelley St and Concord Ave and a bike in the eastbound direction between Holly St and Garden St. This design is intended to make it easier for cyclists to approach the intersections at Concord and Garden, where vehicle traffic can get backed up. The Committee asked about creating a bike lane for the full length of the south side of street, to have a continuous bike lane for cyclists traveling in the eastbound direction on Huron Ave across Concord Ave. This would not be a good idea, as parking in front of the businesses on the south/east side of the street near the Concord Ave intersection is the most critical for the business and their patrons; this would also be used for loading, etc. Even if parking were theoretically removed, any bike lane would likely be occupied by vehicles loading or stopping. The Committee then asked about putting a bike lane the full length of the north/west side of the street, instead of splitting it up. The challenge with this option is that it does not address the primary concern with regard to cyclists having difficulty getting to the signal at Concord Ave., which was one of the major concerns expressed about cycling on this street.

The Committee discussed some more and concluded to summarize their opinion that while not ideal from the perspective of a high quality facility for bicycling, the new plan represents a reasonable compromise people can live with.

#### **B. Scott and Irving Streets**

After much vocal input from the neighborhood, the next step for Scott/Irving will be to remove the Advisory Lanes, and add a center line along with shared lane markings. The center line will be in paint so that it is easier to adjust in the future. Speed and crash data will be looked at again in the “after” condition once the work was done. The Committee discussed concerns about how the broader community that also uses public streets is taken into consideration.

C. Jim Wilcox gave a brief update on current DPW construction projects.

### **III. Events**

Michael Proscia went through the checklist in preparation for the Bow Tie Ride on September 30 and asked Committee members to volunteer for responsibilities during the ride.

The Committee was also notified about PARK(ing) Day on September 21 and the Minuteman Bikeway 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on September 29.

### **IV. Other Announcements**

The meeting adjourned early so that members could attend the City Council hearing on the Inman Square Project.