

Notes - 4/13/22 Bicycle Committee Meeting

Attending: Kelsey Tustin (CDD), Randy Stern, Lev McCarthy (CDD), Scott Kilcoyne, Amy Flax, Julia Somerdin, Brennan Bieman, Pamela Yang, Garry Chan, Conro Henrie, Eitan Normand, Carola Voelker, Gary Chan (CDD), Guido Cuperus, John Ellersick, Stephen Meuse (TPT), Anna Frebel, Thomas Randall

Notes from last meeting: approved

Agenda/Notes:

Parks and Open Space Planning - Lev McCarthy, Gary Chan, neighborhood planners for CDD

- “Our Parks Our Plan”
- 7-10 year broad view to reflect community values (from Envision Cambridge, Healthy Forest plan, and Resilience Plan), evolution, and usage
- The plan will reflect Livability, Diversity and Equity, Economic opportunity, Sustainability, Community health and well-being, and Learning
- Open Space Needs Assessment has been done, but is continuing
 - Surveys on values and priorities that the community wants reflected in parks - A “Tell us how you use the parks” survey is still open, and a park use and access survey is still coming
 - So far have not gotten enough input from young people or people of color – e.g., very little input from Riverside or the Port
 - Community meetings and visioning workshop, presenting to neighborhood associations
 - Workshops
 - So far, the top 4 priorities from survey respondents are (1) within walking distance, (2) no driving needed to get there, (3) shade, and (4) accessibility
- Currently in Vision and Goal setting phase
 - In-park visioning pop ups - trying to reach more diverse group of people
- Bicycle and open space planning
 - Walking and biking are most common ways people would like to get to parks
 - Comments from committee:
 - Bike parking at parks is a requirement
 - Tool kits would help attract bikers
 - The parks plan should specify support for and dependency on the bike network plan so people of all ages and abilities can travel to parks in a safe way, preferably with separated bike lanes or traffic calmed streets

May 21 Bike Ride – Trails Rails

- Police are reviewing the route - looks OK so far
- Mark has contacts Bon Me and Felipes, and Amy has contacted Flour - but no responses yet - Randy will try them again
- No speaker yet - need to contact historical commission
- We are expecting city staff to update the map that Guido included in the brochure, as well as do graphic design for the brochure and give us a deadline for final text changes.
- A number of people signed up for roles during the meeting on the planning spreadsheet,

TP&T updates - Stephen Meuse

- Porter Square

- Survey has now ended
 - Outreach to local businesses in progress/continues
 - A final community meeting is planned for April 26
- Some meter parking will be added on inbound side of North Mass Ave
 - Fire department said clusters of two, no more than 1 hour parking will work
 - 6-8 spots will be added and marked with paint
- Next QuickBuild projects to be announced soon
- Have run out of flex posts for replacing missing posts right now
- Striping Season is starting soon

Public comment

- none