



# SOMERVILLE BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## JUNE 2010

## MINUTES

### Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

#### **Community Representatives**

Brian Postlewaite, Chairman  
Charles Denison, Vice Chairman  
Enid Kumin  
Alex Epstein  
Jim Gallagher  
Alan Moore  
Ron Newman  
Steve DaSilva

#### **Ex-Officio**

Janice Delory, Office of the Mayor  
Bob Trane, Board of Alderman  
Commissioner Stanley Koty, Department of Public Works  
Terry Smith, Traffic & Parking  
Kathleen Ziegenfuss, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development  
Acting Chief Cabral, Police Department

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday June 15, 2010, 7:00 pm, City Hall employees lounge, basement

Community Representatives in attendance:

Brian Postlewaite, Charles Denison, Jim Gallagher, Ron Newman, Alan Moore

Ex-Officio members in attendance:

None

Guests in attendance:

Lauren Clayton, Doug Reich, Ellen Schneider, Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development

#### Procedural Business:

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm

1. **Secretary:** There is no current secretary. Alan Moore served as acting secretary.

2. **Membership:**

- Steve DaSilva has not been able to make the meetings lately, Alan will ask him his intentions.
- May minutes were approved with changes to but it wasn't clear who would make the changes and perhaps they should be voted on again.
- Kathleen could not attend so Ellen Schneider was here in her stead.

#### Infrastructure Projects Updates:

1. Sharrows and Bike Lanes

- Somerville Ave. bike lane widths: standard lanes are 1.5 meters with a few “pinch points” which narrow the lane to 1.2 meters. Kathleen is still trying to get changes implemented
  - 10 miles of new bike routes are still hopefully to be completed in 2010.
2. Community Path Extension
    - City decided to submit a proposal to TIGER II grant to extend the Community Path, full proposal due August 23
    - Alan Moore helping to gather letters of support
    - Could SBC help City with application?
    - Could SBC file a separate letter of support from Mayor’s letter?
  3. On street bike parking
    - Business support needed
  4. Mystic Valley Parkway Bridge
    - Who is DOT liaison?
    - Should be on priority list for DOT and DCR for ramp improvements
  5. What are the next steps for SBC initiatives?

#### Education and Outreach:

1. Bike and Pedestrian counts –35 locations successfully counted over two weeks in May. The City will make use of GIS mapping data to present data collection findings. Ron volunteered to recount in any areas that may require it.
2. Bike Rack Request system - Trying to work with Livable Streets on this
3. Maps - should be replicable in black and white
4. Website: Steve and Brian have worked on starting a blog. Brian has a couple posts in mind and under draft once we can get it to look good on the site. One is highlighting non-city organizations and writers that are promoting bicycling - bike shops, RedBones, various blogs written by Somervillians, organizations whose mission actively promotes cycling, etc. SBC members should forward Brian any recommendations on any other non-bicycling business that is active with bicycling.
5. Email: Brian will merge an email list from Alan and the list from the recent Historic Bike Ride to compile and create an announcement list.

#### Events:

1. Historic tour “Lost Theatres of Somerville” was held on Sunday May 23 – a resounding success. Over 100 people participated. A backstage tour of the Somerville Theatre and the old Broadway Theatre (now Mudflats) was part of the tour. At the new Mudflats space, the construction project that was about to commence was described in detail.
2. Art Beat, July 17 – it was decided by consensus that the Bike Committee would participate and that members would consider assisting Alan in staffing the table. Ellen would look into having a banner made in time for Art Beat. Alan will do application. Possibility of Green Team helping with bike valet (Groundwork) if this is in the works.
3. SomerStreets - June 16 on Broadway from Magoun Sq. to Powder House circle.
  - Help needed at a tire pump and lube area.
  - Possibility if holding a mini-forum to discuss bicycling in Somerville?
  - An impromptu bike parade might also be fun.

- Alan and Jim might help with Bike Valet – should be between Trum Field and Powderhouse circle. The City may be providing portable metal barricades for extra rack space, possibly at Trum Field.
  - Dutch Bike Company helping with event – bike station
4. Megaphone would be helpful for all events
  5. Fall Tour de Somerville being planned, October 16, raindate the 17<sup>th</sup>.
  6. Somerville Climate Action “World Café”, June 23. Alan would attend if no one else volunteers Jim will go if Alan cannot.
  7. Living Green Festival at the Argenziano School, June 24 Alan will attend and staff an SBC booth
  8. Davis Square bike race may be held in September, tight loops around Davis Square

Miscellaneous:

Bike Counting: OSPCD has an intern working for the transportation group over the summer. The intern will be working to compile the bike counts with Kathleen.

New Business:

1. What is the process of sending a letter to the editor from the Bike Committee (related to road rules)?

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alan Moore, Acting Secretary