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MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, December 20, 2005, City Hall

ATTENDEES Alan, Ron, Greg, Jim, Peter, Phil, Steve

1. Minutes - Alan called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. The November meeting minutes were approved as corrected: Peter had been left off of the Attendees list.

2. Bicycle parking ordinance - Steve has received 70 responses to the residential bike parking survey. Several options were suggested on how to proceed with the ordinance in view of the Planning Board's decision to remove the City Planning Staff's recommendation for required bicycle parking in large residential developments.

MOTION: to have Steve ask the Board of Aldermen to put forth the Planning Staff's recommendation for the bicycle parking ordinance. Carried unanimously.

3. City Report - Steve reported that Mass Highway Dept. recommended that the Cedar-to-Grove segment of the Community Path be an official project, a necessary step for planning to proceed. Also, consultant Vollmer Associates will have a draft report on the Central-to-Cambridge section at the end of January.

4. Community Path/Green Line - Alan will attend the Dec. 21 state Department of Environmental Protection public hearing to propose that faster action on the Path extension be compensation for delays in the Green Line extension.

5. On road bicycle accommodations - The revised Bike Lane Evaluation Guide was presented. **MOTION:** to adopt the Guide with the following changes:

Bike Lane section
- change Bike Lane minimum width from 4 feet to 5 foot
- replace "Adjacent to curb-side parking, add 6 inches" with "Absence of curb-side parking, subtract 6 inches"
- after "Limited bus/truck traffic", replace "no change" with "subtract 6 inches"
- after "Moderate bus/truck traffic", replace "add 6 inches" with "no change"
- after "Frequent bus/truck traffic", replace "add 12 inches" with "add 6 inches"

Parking Lane section
- change Parking Lane minimum width from 7 feet, 6 inches to 8 feet
Carried unanimously.

MOTION: to make the following changes in the just-adopted Guide:

Bike Lane section
- delete "Limited bus/truck traffic" line

Parking Lane section
- change Parking Lane minimum width from 8 feet to 9 feet

Failed: 4-3

MOTION: to adjourn

Failed: 4-3

MOTION: to table further revisions

Failed: 6-1

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 17, at City Hall.
Respectfully submitted,

Greg Palmer, Secretary