

SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE
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MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, January 17, 2006, City Hall

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

1. Minutes - Alan called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm. The December meeting minutes were approved.

2. Bicycle parking ordinance - Steve reported that the requirement for residential bicycle parking was passed by the Board of Aldermen on January 12.

3. City Report - Steve

 New Initiative: Steve is chairing the Safe, Sustainable Transportation Assessment and Recommendation Team, Safe-START, which will address pedestrian and bicycle safety issues in the city. Members of the team to be announced; short term and long term goals will be established.

 Davis Square: a meeting will be set up with new Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz, with Steve, Greg, and Joel to brief her on the proposed Grove St. gate opening for bicycles.

 Railroad rail disposal: Alan asked why the city can't move faster on getting the MBTA to declare surplus the abandoned rail between Cedar and Lowell sts. Steve replied that he prefers to bring it up with the T when the lease for the land is discussed.

4. On road bicycle accommodations - MOTION: to add the following language to the cover page of the Bike Lane Evaluation Guide, paragraph 4, after "...the driver's side door."

 ", keeping in mind that cyclists should be aware that parked motor vehicle doors could unexpectedly open at any time, and should keep a minimum of three (3) feet between themselves and any parked vehicle."

Carried unanimously

5. 2006 issues & priorities - The following subcommittees were established, with leaders underlined:

- COMMUNICATIONS & EDUCATION: Greg, Minona, Steve *Peter to supply video volunteer contact

- MAP: Ron, Peter, Phil (volunteer)

- MAXPAK SITE: Asher Miller (volunteer) *Alan to verify
- PATHS REVIEW & MAINTENANCE: Minona
- RIDES: Ron, Greg
- SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL: Alan, Jim, Peter
- UNION SQUARE: Tamara Metz (volunteer) *Alan will confirm
- WEB SITE: Minona, Greg

6. Committee vacancies: March 1 was suggested as the deadline for submitting applications.

7. Other business: The Committee thanked Phil Goff for his service as a member, and wished him well in his new home in Arlington.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 21, at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Palmer, Secretary