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MEETING MINUTES Meeting held February 26, 2002

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AGENDA Announcements, City Report, Bike Regulations, Bike Racks, Bike Week, Community Path

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1. Announcements
 - Mass. Highway "Cross Street" meeting on Feb. 27th to be attended by Greg.
 - Union Square Public meeting was held for expanding study area and was attended by Lars
 - Greg will organize a view of "Ikea" model @ Arrowstreet. Contact Greg if you are interested.
 - Bhupesh presented Assembly Square design Review Draft Guidelines. Greg concerned with demarcation of bike lanes on one way street limiting bicycles flexibility when turning left or right.
 - Greg will write a letter to state our position concerning the CVS proposition in Magoun Square.
 - Ron stressed need to ensure the monthly meeting announcement is not cut from the Somerville Journal.
 - Next meeting will be held @ VNA 259 Lowell St. March 26th, 6-8pm. Agenda will precede meeting.
2. City Report
 - Bhupesh relayed an announcement from Jeff Levine that the city has received a letter from State Sen. Thomas Birmingham to accompany the grant application for Mass. Turnpike Authority.
3. Bicycle Routes Subcommittee – Darren, Bhupesh, Todd
 - **Route from Union to Assembly Square**
 - i. Requires site visit @ Temple/Broadway/ Marshall or School Route
 - ii. Requires site visit @ Bailey or Governor Winthrop
 - iii. Site visit of School Street North of Highland requires contraflow which is a bigger issue
 - iv. Bow Street can be added to allow direct connection to Union Square
 - **Route North/South through center of Town**
 - i. Cedar Street for Southbound
 - ii. Willow Street for Northbound instead of Lowell/Craigie.
 - **Beacon Street**
 - i. Requires site visit for use of Sacramento Street Underpass
 - ii. Requires site visit @ Park Street cut across to Somerville Avenue. Note both crossings are identified on Routes map, rather than just one or the other.
 - **Route from College Ave/Elm/Somerville Avenue**
 - i. Portion of Elm Street behind Porter square was replaced with Somerville Ave/Mass Ave/Beech St. Concerns voiced that this was a less traveled more congested route compared to Elm St.
 - ii. Holland Street was added as an fork that connects you to Teele Square and onto Broadway
 - **Route down length of Broadway**
 - **Route down length of Washington Street**
 - **Route down length of Highland Avenue**
 - **Add Cameron Ave** – as an offshoot from Holland that connects you to the Bike path
 - **Addition of Central Street recommendation** from prior meeting was eliminated
4. Bike Racks Subcommittee –the document will specify three things: the existing count of posts and meters, the count of bike rings doubled onto "preexisting" posts, and the number and location of spots where a bike ring with new post should be added. The following area will be documented within the next two months
 - Teele Square , Ball Square , Magoun Square , Lower Broadway, Union & Davis Square, Powderhouse Square,
 - **Conway Square #1** – Carl will survey (near Conway Park at Somerville Ave. and Park St.)
 - **Beacon Square #2** – Adam will survey (near Dali's Restaurant at Beacon St. and Washington St.)
 - **West Branch library** to be added
 - Other categories to follow include "**Parks**", "**Schools**", and "**Commercial entities**".

5. City of Somerville website- need to ensure our meeting notes are posted
 - **Lars** will follow up with Pat McCormick
6. Bicycle Regulations Subcommittee – **Jim, Adam, Andy**
 - Everyone should look over the dozen or so changes prior to next meeting
 - This will facilitate an efficient review at next meeting
 - Note the “must/who” text was questioned as something that still needed to be corrected
7. Bike lanes graphics study will be reviewed at next meeting. The drawings are to scale and have dimensions and the blank template #6 is if you would like to propose an even better solution, than the five shown.
8. **Bike Week** to be organized May 11th through May 19th.
 - **Historical Ride** organized by Ron and Historical Commission for Sat. May 18th @ 10:00 am with raindate on May 19th.
 - i. Must be a loop route
 - ii. Start needs to be a large space for assembly of bikes like City Hall
 - iii. Should not cross I-93 and avoid steep hills as much as possible.
 - iv. Turil will help with publicity
 - v. Police can assist with intersections
 - Redbones will have an evening party on May 13th.and **Friends of the Comm. Path** will have a table
 - Adam will inquire whether Bike lights can be donated for hand outs.
 - Jim Hodgdon will inquire about registering bikes at the Historical Ride.
 - We can do Breakfast for commuters
 - i. Bhupesh will inquire about Carberry's on Friday and Café Rossina for another day.
 - ii. Darren will inquire about LaContessa, and What's Cookin!
 - iii. Greg will check Union and Magoun Square
9. **Friends of the Community Path**- Turil
 - The grant application to Mass. Turnpike Authority was completed with copious letters included!
 - O2 Yoga will donate a session to the Path
 - They have hired an intern to do community outreach with the first session on March 12th @ Mix it Studio

Please notify SBC at Bhupes@msn.com of any discrepancies, within **seven days** of release date below and JLevine@ci.somerville.ma.us for any inquiries.

cc. all community and public members stated above, City of Somerville web site, and generous “active volunteers” and community subscribers