

SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEMBERS

Police Jim Hodgdon
Traffic & Parking Todd Blake
OHCD Jeff Levine
OHCD Tuck O'Brien
Mayor's Office Heather Rowe
Dept. Public Works T. Donahue

MEETING MINUTES Meeting held June 24, 2002

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AGENDA Announcements, City Report, Comm. Path, Bylaws, Bike Regs., Subcommittee, Action Plan

ATTENDEES Darren Carlton Turil Cronberg Andy Rubel
Ron Newman Greg Palmer Bhupesh Patel
Tuck O'Brien—OHCD Heather Rowe – Mayor's Office Dominick Siraco-guest.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vice-Chair Darren Carlton
Turil Cronberg
Jim Gallagher
Adam Kessel
Ron Newman
Chairperson Greg Palmer
Secretary Bhupesh Patel
Andy Rubel
Lars Kellogg-Stedman

1. **Announcements**
 - May meeting minutes prepared by Darren approved with spelling corrections.
 - Next meeting will be held @ VNA building. July 23rd, 6-8pm. Agenda will precede meeting.
 - It was agreed that voting results for committee decisions will be recorded without individual identifications.
 - First Assembly Square design review meeting will be held June 27th for Ikea proposal presentation.
2. **City Report** - Tuck O'Brien
 - Comments on Somerville-Cambridge-Belmont path improvements will be sent to Phil MacDonald, MHD Proj. I
 - 25% Drawings for Broadway Streetscape from Lombardi St. to McGrath Highway were presented
 - i. Members in agreement to minimize left lane width, provide planned bike parking, "T"s to mark parking spaces, solid "fog line, and broad fog line curves at intersections.
 - ii. Comments should be drafted at next meeting for vote and submittal to OHCD.
 - iii. Bhupesh will meet with Traffic and Parking to clarify concerns before next meeting.
 - iv. Members should send comments to Bhupesh so they can be compiled for next meeting.
3. **Friends of the Community Path**- Turil
 - Andy, Turil, Jeff Levine, and Ron went to the Golden Spike Symposium.
 - i. The 104 mile rail trail to Northampton was discussed.
 - A summary of all the abutter public meetings will be issued.
4. **Bylaws** - were presented and approved. Copies will be given to absent members.
5. **Bike Traffic Regulations** – Andy, Jim, Adam met with Bill Lyons @ T&P.
 - Language concerning "should" or "encourage" use of bike lanes to be investigated for precedence
 - Subcommittee prefer "bicycles yield to pedestrians", even though T&P state bicycles have right of way.
 - Ron and Andy will check for precedence in Arlington and Cambridge
 - We are waiting for review by city solicitors, and then have a follow up meeting with Bill Lyons.
 - "Mock up" signage should be edited to read "No riding on sidewalks in Business district"
6. **Infrastructure** – Greg, Ron
 - Somerville-Cambridge-Belmont path was discussed at an on site meeting on June 14th.
 - Joel Bennett, Bryce Nesbitt, Reps. From MHD, Arlington, and affected communities were present.
 - Greg, Joel, and Tuck gave feedback concerning Somerville portion: Seven Hills Park and Brooks Pharmacy reat
 - Andy suggested making gateway to Grove Street permeable for bicyclists
7. **Bicycle Routes Subcommittee** – Darren, Bhupesh, Todd
 - North/South route is finalized north of Union Square.
 - South of union square there are two final options to get to Central square via Inman square
 - i. Webster/Concord Ave./ Springfield then use Inman and Fayette as one ways to Mass Ave.
 - ii. Continue on Washington Street into intersection of Beacon and Kirkland
 - Abstract arrows to Lechmere, and Central should be shown since across city lines
 - Members requested to make any final suggestions for streets and additional squares to Bhupesh
 - Turil will begin drafting a computer copy to create a pamphlet
 - Darren would like to continue by determining sign locations
 - Next phase will be "safe routes to schools"
8. **Events** –
 - Community Fair @ Somerville High School June 25 7-9pm.
 - Artbeat July 19 and 20th. Theme is "food for thought". All agree to committee as a parade participant.
 - For Artbeat, Turil suggests additional bike check could be provided along the lines of education.
9. **Action Plan** – discussion of Committee's action plan is continued to next meeting

Please notify SBC at Bhupesh@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

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