

SOMERVILLE BICYCLE COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES Meeting held December 16, 2003

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AGENDA City Report, Greg Hill, Groundworks, Tour de Somerville, Education Subcommittee, Announcements

ATTENDEES Jim Gallagher, Ron Newman Greg Palmer Bhupesh Patel
Tuck O'Brien - OHCD Joel Bennett – Friends of the Community Path

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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1. **Minutes approved** – October and November minutes edited and approved with Vice chair presiding
2. **City Report** -
 - Steve Winslow will be the new Bike/Pedestrian part-time Coordinator and will start January 5th.
 - 15 applications were received and a two year commitment was required.
 - Beacon Street is 75% complete. The close to surface water main on North side limits streetscape renovation such as inclusion of new trees. Greg has reviewed plans. But Committee has not yet seen drawings. Bhupesh requested formal commitment of the city installed "Somerville Symbol" in travel lane as originally agreed upon.
 - Lowell Street will be reviewed when DPW receives them. Ron noted it should remain two-way.
 - Somerville Avenue 100% plans are being approved by Mass Highway Department.
 - Union Square- three projects
 - i. Somerville Avenue – committee submitted comments of crucial "missing" crosswalks.
 - ii. Webster/Prospect – completed first with centralized bus stop.
 - iii. Urban Boulevard – will follow the Webster/Prospect Project
 - Bhupesh will call Mike Buckley from the Mayor's office to inquire about future meeting.
3. **Mayor elect letter** -
 - Greg submitted a draft for review by committee.
 - Bhupesh will rewrite cover letter, and include a bike map, and the article of the Tour de Somerville.
4. **Broadway Avenue** – will be tabled to future meeting
5. **Bike/Ped. Cordinator** – committee agreed that position will not be designated as an officer position.
6. **CVS Pharmacy/MagounSquare** –
 - Bike parking is not conspicuous and may need signage.
 - Bhupesh will check out site to ensure racks were installed as drawn and inspect accessibility.
7. **Kensington Avenue** –
 - A cut through the cul-de-sac is needed for bicycles and pedestrians.
 - A letter will be written to Todd Blake at Traffic and Parking by ?????
 - It was noted that the handicap ramp should be included.
8. **One Way Bike Lane** – for streets such as Curtis Street, Cedar Street/Mossland, Richdale/Pembroke, etc..
 - How does this fit into the big picture of priorities in the "bicycle plan"?
 - Is the proposal for such streets in a case by case basis feasible dimensionally and legally?
 - How would it be implemented? Bike lane, or Signage or "Somerville Symbol".
9. **Announcements** –
 - Joel noted that there will be a translation of the bike map pamphlet into Portuguese and possibly Spanish
10. **Meeting Adjourned 8:35pm**