



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met via Zoom on **Monday February 6, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Andy Compagna, Jamie Burke, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Dan McKinley, Hannah Rakoff, Amy Plovnick, Maria Saiz, Laura Wiener(staff), visitors: Watertown HS project presentation team: Christy Murphy(Vertex), James Jordan (Architect), Andy Street (Vertex), John Luca (landscape architect), Sophia Galimore (TMA),

Following are the meeting minutes:

1. Watertown HS project: James Jordan & John Luca presented plans. Q&A: issues raised about access that mixes pedestrians and cyclists. Need for more bike parking on west side. Location of inside bike parking requires going through whole space from Barnard. Bike racks: how good are they for locking bikes? Protected bike parking: number of spaces, possibly on north side. Maria will discuss with them tomorrow.
2. Acceptance of Jan 9 minutes
3. Bike event, May 20: working group Amy, Jesse, Sophia & Stephanie. Confirmed 5/20. 2 mechanics for 2 hours: \$480, plus travel time: \$110/person to and from. E-Bikes: \$150 more. Sophia will check about travel time costs. TMA can pay some, Live Well Watertown can possibly help. MassBike flashers \$10/ea. Time: 1-3pm would be our preference. Stephanie will do marketing. Next steps: another meeting. Sophia will get cost estimates.
4. Working group discussions:
 - a. Bike Parking: Hannah, Dan & Maria. Hannah presented: zoning changes to apply to new construction: uncouple bike parking from number of car parking spaces. Bike parking linked to use and size. Divides between short-term and long-term parking. Applied City of Boston standards, since they were updated most recently. Added: if weather protected motor vehicle parking is provided then bike parking needs to be weather protected. Memo outlining what we are requesting for changes and suggesting a few other areas that could be looked at. Give some examples of old requirements and what would show up in new guidelines. Cheaper to provide than car parking. Next steps: Give to Gideon and Steve and discuss.
 - b. Road Construction letter to DPW: Jamie, Dan, Tom Floros, Vasant Marer: group looked at bike-ped plan and road construction plans and focused on Coolidge-Nichols-Arlington intersection and making it more functional with the Greenway. Also access to Filipello Park. Other areas to look at include Common St raised crossing, 5th Avenue & California St, proposed shared use path plan. Feedback to Jamie & Dan
 - c. Janet Jameson memorial: Rep Steve Owens & Sen Brownsberger very supportive. Owens talking to DCR about a bench, maybe have ready for opening celebration.
5. Development review postponed to next meeting
6. A. Meeting with City Manager 2/16: issues to bring up:
 - a. Culture change: ie. Mt Auburn St, DPW
 - b. Funding for committee, adding members to 11
 - c. Planning for roads
 - dH. Recruitment for Laura's replacement

B. Yard Art bike tour: Andy, need a sub-group. Volunteers: Sheila, Jamie, Maria. Liz Helfer. Arts and Culture Planner, is doing the coordinating.

7. New business: reconsider having every other meeting be in person. Mt Auburn St project.
8. 104-106 presentation includes interesting things like wayfinding along Main St. Laura reported that City is working on a Wayfinding Sign project. Installation should begin in the near future.
9. Money from the feds to rebuild intersections, see Globe article.

Next Bike-Ped Comm. Meeting: March 6, 2023 @ 7:30pm via Zoom, meanwhile sub groups will meet in the meantime.