



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met via Zoom on **Monday April 3, 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: Will Twombly, Vasant Marer, Dan Zeigher, Lennart Husvagt

Following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from March accepted
2. Bike Event Saturday May 20, 1-3pm, Watertown Dock: Jesse reached out to Mass Bike, Light brigade. They sent 30 light packs: front & back lights. Stephanie looking into give-aways: maybe reflective leg bands. E-bikes at the event: cost \$150 for pedal assist bikes to try out. Discussion on where to ride for beginners. Decided against it. Andy will look for map/poster of where paths are. Laura has a semi updated map could put points of interest, blue bike stations. Could also use Google/Open Streets Maps.
3. Yard Art bike tour: pick a date and time: April 23, rain date: 30th, 1pm. Committee to work out route, send to everyone for input.
4. Bike Drive: Sat May 6, 10-2pm at First Parish Church; publicity: flyer and press release ready. Have out by April 24. Need volunteers to greet donors, collect money & flatten bikes. Jesse will promote on our FB page. Looking into sending from schools to parents. Motion passed to co-sponsor the event and help publicize.
5. Comprehensive Plan meeting: letter was sent by Jamie. No feedback on letter. At meeting: Hannah: interesting comments about need for housing, strong backlash re: biotech. Maria: talked to transportation people, including Stantec, about us giving feedback. Lots of comments left for transportation area. Next step is draft final plan. Implementation has no schedule.
6. Working Group discussions:
 - a. Road construction Group is preparing a letter to DPW: Arlington-Nichols community path intersection. Need for a consultant with bike-ped expertise. Bad 4 way stop at Acton St., path from Howard St to the river, crossing of Main St for community path. Request DPW include Bike-Ped Plan identified streets that need work even if not about construction.
 - b. Janet Jameson Memorial: Hannah: Steve Owens has put in request from DPW for bench. On his radar to handle. Maria will follow up with Steve Owens.
7. Development: no updates on 313 Pleasant ST/80 Rosedale Road. No one went to meeting.
8. Committee discussion/status updates from last meeting:
 - a. Letter from Alice Jarrard about bike accident at Arlington/Nichols/Greenway: issue with illegal right turn on red at that intersection. Forwarded to Steve and Matt. Signage doesn't work: really need a bump out to stop people taking illegal right, and best would be a diagonal crossing or a round-about to slow down traffic. Needs a new study. Bad logistics for pedestrians crossing. Also bad crossing for cyclists to Fillipello Park. Better signage by the right turn light. Will pass on to Gideon.
 - b. Update from City Manager: heard back from him regarding ideas we presented to him.
 - c. Meet in person vs Zoom: possibly every other month, or just for small groups. Part of issue is needs to be availability for public to give input. Straw poll indicated most people would like to meet

in person sometimes, but not give up zoom completely. Laura to find out what the remote meeting requirements are.

Next Bike-Ped Comm. Meeting: May 1, 2023 @ 7:30pm via Zoom, meanwhile sub-groups will meet as needed.