



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met via Zoom on **Monday June 5, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Andy Compagna, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Maria Saiz, Hannah Rakoff, visitors: Lennart Husvogt, Carol Tierney, Scott Frazer, Dan Zeigher

Following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes from May approved
2. Introductions.
3. Bike event reschedule to 6/17 due to weather. Same times: 1 -3. Jesse will check about volunteers.
4. Bike Drive: did really well, huge success. So many bikes had to come back & get some. BIKES Not Bombs very excited that we sponsored.
5. Working Group discussions:
 - a. Road construction letter to DPW: City Council DPW Committee is really focused on cars & resurfacing. Our letter in progress to discuss cyclist/ped safety needs will be ready to be reviewed in July. Some areas to be mentioned: Dexter Ave. in poor shape and south of Nichols is wide with few markings to slow drivers. Intersection at Nichols and Arlington: Bigelow and Nichols will be a problem area due to the new Alexandria development in that location--Linx. There will be a lot more of all modes going through there. Arsenal Way where it crosses the bike path has safety issues. Greenway at School St doesn't have good crossing due to sharp turns and too many poles, also right on red from Arsenal to School St. makes it more hazardous. Arsenal St redesign is under construction starting this summer. Also: Acton St, Howard St & Pleasant St.
 - b. Bike Parking zoning amendment: on hold following meeting with City Manager, who thinks it should be in comprehensive plan.
5. Committee Discussion/status updates from previous meetings: Mt Auburn meeting coming up, will be 6/20 Tuesday at Perkins School. If we can be there really important.
6. New business:
 - a. Faire on the Square Sept 23, letter about getting a table. Sheila to check with Laura about payment; Jamie will follow-up about bike parking with the organizers. Possible different location from the past. Also need to publicize bike parking more.
 - b. Climate Energy Plan: Andy got an email message from Laurel, very broad request. Andy to follow-up with her. Andy will send out an email about it. We can respond to him, Jamie & Dan and Laura.
 - c. Filipello Park work on the splash park has completely blocked all access through the park. Sheila will talk to Laura about who to talk with at DPW about creating access for peds and cyclist.
 - d. Jamie to talk to Laura about getting Greg St. Louis to meet with the committee once a year.
7. Upcoming Events;

Mt. Auburn St. Open House on final design. Tuesday, June 20, Perkins School, Grousbeck Center (55 Beechwood Ave)

Next Bike-Ped Comm. Meeting: July 105, 2023 @ 7:30pm in person at City Hall, room to be determined. Meanwhile sub groups will meet as needed.