



Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee

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MEETING MINUTES

The **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee** met via Zoom on **Monday December 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.** Present: Andy Compagna, Jamie Burke, Sheila Fay, Jesse Hammond, Dan McKinley (chair this month), Hannah Rakoff, Maria Saiz, Laura Wiener(staff), visitors: Nicole Gardner (City Council)

Following are the meeting minutes:

1. Minutes for October and November approved.
2. Working group discussions:
 - a. Bike Parking: no updates
 - b. Janet Jameson memorial: no updates
3. Development: Maria just got plans for 480 Arsenal Way Parking Garage: Alexandria changed plans for garage. Community meeting will be December 19, (postponed to Jan. 12). Nicole requested e-bike charging stations in the garage. No special plugs needed. Push for stations in all development.
4. Committee Discussion
 - a. Arsenal St. reconstruction: School St to Greenough Blvd. to start spring 2023, includes no protected bike lanes. Lots of discussion but told it was final. Document comments about road paint & signal timing, and wayfinding for the future. Sidewalk on southside near Arsenal is very narrow, not good experience. Voted to have meeting with Steve Magoon & DPW about how Bike-Ped Committee can be more involved in process of choosing road projects and in their design.
 - b. Coolidge Ave will have shared use path, created by developers of 99 Coolidge Ave. Developer is also trying to get path through DCR land and parking lot toward Greenough.
 - c. Suggestion to have the Committee present an update to City Council.
 - d. Bike/Tune-up Event: Invite Stephanie Venizelos, Wellness Coordinator, to January meeting. Sophia Galimore: does bike tune-up days at companies on shuttle route. Invite Stephanie and Sophia for Jan or Feb meeting.
 - e. Meeting with City Manager: invite him to a meeting with whole committee, try for March. Possibly do ride along at some point. Possibly in person meeting.
 - f. City Road Construction program input: bring up at meeting with Steve Magoon.
 - g. Community Path discussion:
 - i. next piece: Arsenal to Irving, to Taylor, to Mt Auburn St. Taylor to Mt Auburn will be constructed in spring. Arsenal Street from Irving to Taylor will wait for a year due to gas work.
 - ii. Mt Auburn to Library has been stalled and more meetings will happen. DPW running the plans.
 - iii. Howard St section: sent comments, but received late. Dan & Jamie to send email to Matt regarding adding bike parking to parking lot.

iv. Root repair on School St end of Watertown Greenway – DCR territory, reported in See-Click-Fix. Dan or Jamie to send email on to Sen. Brownsberger and raise how to give input to DCR.

vii. Snow clearance on Greenway by DCR: Cambridge clearing path to Cambridge line. Laura will talk to Gideon about requesting 705 Mt. Auburn St. Project to plow where it abuts Greenway.

h. New business: Laura has a calendar and will send out dates. For future meeting: poorer service from MBTA: half trips in morning being dropped.