

Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)

Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2016, Town Hall Room 408 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Kristin Schreiber

Committee Members Present: Bryan Decker, Nathaniel Fink, Don McNamara, Kristin Schreiber, Cynthia Snow, Tommy Vitolo, Sgt. Brian Sutherland

Absent: John Dempsey

Others Present: Mitch Heineman, Hugh Mattison, Lucy Mack

1. **Minutes** of the June 2016 meeting were approved as circulated
2. **River Road Study Committee/development project**
 - Hugh Mattison, a member of the River Road Study Committee, described the site and noted the importance of providing safe space for pedestrians as well as the desirability of a cycle track along the Route 9
 - The plan presented at the public hearing showed a cycle track
 - BAC will send a letter to the Transportation Board requesting support of cycle track
3. **BAC organization and reappointments**
 - Don McNamara will not seek reappointment but will continue to help with website
 - John Dempsey is considering whether or not to seek reappointment
 - Post openings in September
 - Cynthia Snow would like to have a new chair (or possibly a co-chair)
 - Continue to meet on Mondays (Wednesdays in case of holidays)
4. **Possible projects for CIP budget for FY 2018 discussed**
 - Hammond St, although a future target, unlikely to be ready for 2018
 - Improve Longwood medical area access from north
 - South Brookline- bicycle amenity on Newton/Grove to Beverly, as a connection between Baker School and Larz Anderson and other areas of N. Brookline, like the high school
 - Harvard St: numerous gaps in bike infrastructure should be filled
 - BU Theater Project at Essex and Dummer: BU zoning conditions include design of intersection and cycle track (possible CIP request to build)
5. **Green Routes Plan: Projects/Revisions for 2017**
 - Importance of maintaining infrastructure, e.g. Dudley contraflow repaved, lines not repainted
 - Cycle tracks—designs, concerns, possible locations
 - Signage, e.g. “change lanes to pass”
 - Intersection safety
 - Filling gaps in bike lanes and other network elements, e.g., Netherlands Road between Parkway and Muddy River path, Harvard St.
 - Updating infrastructure (e.g., double yellow lines for contraflow lanes)
 - Map showing types of bicycle accommodations on Brookline’s Streets
 - Consider language on one way streets allowing two-way bike traffic with signage to allow bike entry
6. **Updates/Reports:**
 - Beacon Street westbound, Marion St to Westbourne Terrace- awaiting approval from Mass DOT; importance of moving forward (especially light timing at Lancaster) emphasized
 - DCR Paths/Parkways Committee--Hammond Pond Parkway-- plans may include off road pathway

- Fisher Avenue—approved, work in progress, Park will be open later this month
- Greenough Street--approved
- Newton St (Horace James Circle to Newton Town Line)--approved
- Spring 2016—Route 9 crossing for Emerald Necklace Paths (work in progress)
- FY17—One bike corral

7. Other business

- Bike counts in September
- Getting a category for cycle hazards on Brookonline

8. **Next meeting:** Monday, August 1, 2016

2016 meeting dates, all meetings in Room 408, Town Hall: (First Monday of the month, except as noted):
January 11, February 1, March 7, April 4, WEDNESDAY May 4, June 6, WEDNESDAY July 6, August 1,
WEDNESDAY September 7, October 3, November 7, December 5