

Salem Bicycling Advisory Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 19th, 2016

A meeting of the Salem Bicycling Advisory Committee was held on Monday, September 19th, 2016 at 7:00 PM in Meeting Room 311 at Salem City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street.

Members Present: Dan Shuman, Michael Jaros, Michael Williamson, Kylie Sullivan, Richard Frank, Eric Papetti

Also Present: Jeff Elie, City of Salem Staff Planner

Members Absent: Joseph O Neill

Invited Guests: N/A

Public in Attendance: Ed Moriarty, Community Preservation Committee; Nina Cohen

Dan Shuman called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. He acknowledged those members absent and present for the record.

August 15th, 2016 meeting minutes approved with corrections.

Frank motioned, Williamson seconded, all approved.

1. Public Comment

2. New/Old Business

Salem Bicycle Share Proposal – The City is exploring options to upgrade the existing Salem Spins program to a more automated, bike-share style model similar to Boston’s Hubway bike share system. The City has received two proposals and is currently in the process of evaluating and scoring the proposals. The City has received proposals from Ride-On USA and Zagster. The City is waiting on evaluations from Mass in Motion coordinator Russell Findley and will notify the highest rated respondent when the process has finished.

Route 107 Corridor Study Public Meeting Discussion – MassDOT held a public input session on the work completed so far for the Route 107 Corridor Study currently taking place that incorporates bicycle infrastructure, pedestrian, and traffic improvements to Highland Avenue. Joseph O’Neill and Eric Papetti attended the meeting on behalf of the SBAC and as residents of Salem so they will provide an update to the Committee.

E. Papetti commented that the study could propose 10’ wide lanes that could still accommodate large trucks. This exists in Cambridge and works fine. This would give more width in that corridor to allow for a protected bike lane.

N. Cohen suggested that the Committee write a letter to government representatives Paul Tucker, Sen. Lovely, and E. Milo(City Council) to let them know the SBAC supports the implementation of bicycle infrastructure throughout the whole 107 corridor

- Additionally suggest to reduce speed limit on corridor
- Meet with Tucker and Lovely to make specific recommendations for changes

SBAC to recommend “A consistent buffered protected lane all along Highland Ave to improve safety for cyclists.” Lower speed limit along the route.

Bicycle Master Plan Update Discussion – CIP Engineering money was allocated to update the Master Plan. Discussion of bringing on a consultant and holding a public meeting for public input.

Goal – Support infrastructure that promotes Salem residents and visitors to use bikes as a valid and safe means of transportation. This includes promoting bicycling amongst all demographic groups to increase ridership throughout the City.

Components of Plan

N. Cohen – Integrate bicycling into tourism

- Education and marketing to make a case that biking is safe and valid
- Work with the Public Art commission to create a bike mural in conjunction with a pilot project or other major bicycle related infrastructure project in the City. Maybe align with launch of new Bike Share program.

Bicycle Master Plan should contain components of plan that address design guidelines to promote bike parking and bike amenities for new development. This would include working with the Salem Redevelopment Authority (SRA), the Design Review Board (DRB), the Planning Board, and the Complete Streets Working Group.

Plan should include data collection on bike statistics and using existing data to compile a picture of how bicycling in Salem operates.

Plan should be promoted on City Website to encourage public input, participation, and feedback to get a complete representation of how Salem Bicycling should be shaped.

Plan recommended to include process oriented improvements within Salem's City government operation framework that addresses implementation process between Planning, DPW, Engineering, etc. so plans are carried out using Complete Streets guidelines.

Include design recommendations and suggestions to connect key routes to neighboring towns – Beverly, Peabody, Swampscott, Lynn, and Marblehead

Strategies to accommodate bikes on car-free spaces – i.e. Essex St Ped Mall, Forest River Park, Salem Common, Willows, etc.

Update existing maps to show bicycling infrastructure and routes

CPA Committee Update

Ed Moriarty of CPA committee updated the Committee on the CPA process and asked for any input about ideas for projects that can be funded with the CPC money.

Suggestions include acquiring open space to build paths for recreation. These paths could be multi-purpose for bicycling, hiking, etc. An example would be building trails in Mack Park for bikes

CPA to pay for bike racks in recreational areas.

J. Elie to check with other CPA Communities about bike related grant awards.

Actions

J. Elie – will send draft RFP to SBAC members for input and an RFP will be issued to properly procure a bike share vendor

J. Elie – to identify new bike rack locations in recreational areas to apply for CPA grant

Meeting called for adjournment at **8:39** by M. Williamson. Seconded by . K. Sullivan. All approved

Respectfully submitted by:

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