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## 01/16/2013 Minutes

Minutes of the ABAC meeting of January 16, 2013  
Amended/Approved Feb. 13, 2013

Board members attending were Jack Johnson, Christopher Tonkin, Stephan Miller, Ron Sender and Phil Goff. Scott Smith and Doug Greenfield were absent. Also present was Joey Glushko.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm.

The first order of business was to welcome our new Board Member, Phil Goff.

\*Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the December meeting were approved with amendments.

Changes in the State Conflict of Interest Law. Joey, once again, reminded us that it is our responsibility to review changes in the Conflict of Interest Law and submit verification that we have done so by March 1.

The TAC Report. This agenda item discussion was deferred because Scott, our TAC liaison, was absent. Joey told us that the upcoming joint TAC-ABAC meeting is not on the TAC agenda yet. Phil asked Joey if she has heard anything about the ballot item about the Mass. Ave. Redevelopment Project. He was concerned about the Town's preparation for this referendum. He would like to see an open flow of information about the topic and informed us that the Board of Selectmen (BoS) is heavily in favor of the current design.

CLAMP (Arlington Center Crossing) Project. Joey informed us that taking land from the Uncle Sam Park for the bicycle track might require approval from the State. She didn't think that there will be a problem with this requirement but reminded us that there is such a requirement.

Recreational Grants (RTG) Program. Joey showed us the latest version of the Bikeway Map. She pointed out that there are numerous errors in the current version especially within Arlington. We will all be sent a copy and she requested that we proofread it and submit our corrections.

Outreach to the Police Department. Stephan suggested that we need more of a connection with the Police and asked what form it should take. Joey would like to see the task group (Stephan, Jack and Todd) have quarterly meetings with the Police and then report back to ABAC. Jack suggested that we email Chief Ryan and let him suggest whom, in the Police Department, we should meet with. Jack will draft a message to the Chief and circulate it for comments.

Bikeway Usage Guidelines. We discussed the creation of an application form for special events on the Bikeway. Ron volunteered to look over the application forms for other facilities in town and draw up a rough draft that will be reviewed at the next meeting.

ABAC Winter Social. Joey told us that she has reserved the auditorium at the Center for the Arts for this event. She would like to pay for the room using ABAC money from the Town account rather than cash we have on hand. This will leave us cash on hand to use if we need it.

\*Christopher moved that Joey arrange to pay the fee for the venue. The motion passed unanimously.

We briefly discussed what we would like to hear about the Hubway System, the speaker's topic for the evening. Jack will take care of arranging publicity and will compose an invitation to the BoS. Refreshments will be provided by Stephan and Christopher.

ABAC Spring Outreach on the Bikeway. Christopher will contact Chad to set a date for this event.

Marking bicycle accommodations as roads in town are repaved. Phil filled us in on the latest meeting of the Road Striping task group. He told us that, at the last meeting, he suggested the creation of a selection matrix for Town roads. This matrix would facilitate designing streets for multiple modes of transport. He also told us that they plan to finalize the network map. Stephan asked if the measurements the Town has are accurate enough for squeezing in all the amenities we wish to include. Phil's answer was complicated but additional measurements will probably have to be made.

Bike Arlington Tour 2013. We had a long discussion about whether to have the ride in the spring or in the fall. We decided on Sunday May 19. Joey suggested that we start in the Heights near the Town line so that we can show off the new Bicycle Friendly Community sign. Joey also suggested a visit to the goats at Lexfarm. Christopher reintroduced us to the idea that we visit the Boat Club and Mystic Lakes Dam. Because of miscommunication with the Club last year we were unable to visit the dam but Christopher will try again. In any case, we will all be thinking about possible routes so that they can be discussed at the next meeting.

Joint meeting with TAC. The March TAC and ABAC meetings fall on the same evening at approximately the same time. We thought that this would be a good time for a joint meeting to discuss topics of mutual interest. Joey will see if this can be arranged.

Other: Jack made a point of thanking Doug Greenfield for dealing with the issue of parking on the Bikeway during events at the Recreation Center. Doug had noticed the infractions and called the Police. In addition the DPW will move the barriers on Ryder Street to prevent a recurrence of the illegal parking.

Stephan asked if we could "adopt" a few of the ramps onto the Bikeway and clear them after it snows to allow easier access. Joey suggested that he call the DPW and have them do the clearing as they are plowing the Bikeway.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm

\*Notes that a vote of the board was taken.

Minutes submitted by Stephan Miller