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## Minutes of Sept. 14, 2009

ABAC Meeting Minutes for the August meeting, September 14, 2009.

Board members present were Jack Johnson, Stephan Miller, Christopher Tonkin, Jeff Roth, Ron Sender and Scott Smith. Joey Glushko, Doug Greenfield, Joan Roman and Michael Beck were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35.

\*The minutes from the August meeting were voted on and approved with two corrections.

ABAC on the web. Jeff gave us an overview of ABAC's function for Joan who is working on updating the Arlington's website and is our contact person regarding that site. He then described ABAC's current website. The ABAC site is in the redesign planning stage. We discussed the relationship between the ABAC site and the official town site. Joan then gave us an overview of the upgrading and improvement of the Arlington town site. She told us there is a town bylaw that requires the ABAC minutes be submitted to the town site. Chad summarized what ABAC expects from the town site. Basically he asked for a landing page pointing to the external ABAC site.

ABAC Town Day participation. We have reserved the usual space in front of the library. Chad, Michael, Stephan, Ron and Doug volunteered to man the booth. We realized that we will have to delegate someone to pick up the permit in the morning. We made a schedule for the day and Chad informed us that there will be T-shirts for sale. Chad asked whether we will be selling the Rubel Bike Maps and distributing the Arlington Bicycle Map created by Doug.

Doug asked what our position is on the Mass. Ave. redevelopment so that we can present a united front on Town Day. Scott gave us a summary of what stage the process is at and we discussed our position. The basis of our position is that we are for safety for all forms of transportation and pedestrians.

Enforcement of traffic laws and regulations. Chief Ryan has elected to remain our contact at the police department. Scot talked to him about enforcing traffic laws for bicyclists. Scott also reminded us that everyone needs to be educated, including the police, about the rights and responsibilities of bicyclists.

Fall bike tour— October 4 or October 11? Christopher asked if we will have a fall Bike Arlington Tour. Chad suggested that we publicize the tour at Town Day. We discussed the need for at least four people as leaders. We decided on a date (October 4). Chad also thought that we put the queue sheet on the back of the flier we will distribute. Jack reminded us that we will need everyone who participates to sign release forms.

Discussion about lane sharing. Jeff put together a brief memo to the Town regarding lane sharing and bicycle lanes. His message is to keep it simple and request bike lanes on major roads. We would like to have bike accommodations on all major roads when they are repaved and/or restriped. He created a map showing what we mean by major roads. We discussed Jeff's memo and made suggestions about how to make it more effective.

Issues concerning the Board of Selectmen. Both the issues of ABAC executive committee membership and update of our mission statement were tabled until the October meeting.

Fall bikeway cleanup. We decided against having a fall bikeway cleanup.

Mass. Ave. redevelopment update. Scott updated us on the current state of the project. The plans have been revised and submitted for review to MassHighway. The next step is a 25% design hearing presented by MassHighway. We spent some time discussing strategy for supporting the project before, after and during the meeting.

Park Ave. repaving and restriping. Scott told us about the plans for striping Park Ave. There will be a seven foot parking lane to prevent two lanes of traffic on one direction. Michael asked why there are no bike lanes in the plan. Jack pointed out that the

road is very wide and could accommodate bike lanes. Scott told us that the answer is that there are not enough resources to place bicycle lanes at this time.

Hall of Fame signs on the Minuteman Bikeway. The Hall of Fame signs are up along the path. Some of us agreed that we don't like the current positions of the signs.

Bike rack program — updates. A high percentage of the racks we ordered were damaged in shipping. This means that there were no new racks installed this month.

Open forum. Doug asked us if there is a plan to bike to the Hub on Wheels as a group.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25.

\*denotes a vote of the board was taken.

Minutes submitted by Stephan Miller