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Minutes, Apr. 2004

Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee

Minutes for April 5, 2004

Board members present were Jack Johnson, Ted Packard, Stephan Miller, Scott Smith and Christopher Tonkin. Others present were Joey Glushko, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Joy Ahern, Parris Kellermann, Bobby Mac, Robert Brazile, Pete Howard, and Doug Greenfield.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Introductions were made and Jack defined the ABAC mission for new attendees. Bicycle conversations. Jack regaled us with stories about the National Bike Summit, which he attended last month.

*The minutes from the prior meeting were accepted without amendment.

New bike parking article. Joey provided us with background to this new Town Meeting warrant article on bicycle parking. The article improves standards for bike parking at the Environmental Design Review stage. Scott mentioned that some strategy must be made to make sure that the article passes. We discussed possible strategies. Joey asked us to contact our TM members and lobby for the article. Scott took this opportunity to give us an overview of other articles relevant to bicycling in town. Rowsell development. Joey gave us an update on the state of this development. The next presentation to the ARB will be on Wed April 21. Jack mentioned that there is a task force to study the design of the six-way intersection in the Heights. Stephan, Jack, and Elisabeth volunteered to attend the ARB meeting.

Alternative Transportation Fair. Elisabeth has drafted a letter to send out the businesses to ask for their participation. We discussed the route for the Bike Tour. Jack suggested starting at Alewife exploring connections to other bikeways and taking the Minuteman back up to the Rec Center. Ted called a meeting of the Rodeo subcommittee in order to plan the event.

Friends of the Bikeway. Stephan gave us an overview of the plans for Bikeway maintenance and beautification this summer. Suggestions made were to contact the Girl Guides for girlpower, have a presence at the Transportation Fair to advertise, hand out advertising bookmarks at the Fair and Town Day and finally have a big cleanup followed by a party.

National Bike Summit. Jack told us that the Massachusetts Congressional delegation is on our side. The new federal highway allocation still contains a respectable amount for biking and walking.

Route 2 bikeway underpass. Jack will contact MassHighway about installing lights under the new bridge and bikeway repaving around the bridge area. Jack will also write a letter from ABAC to MassHighway, thanking them for keeping the bikeway open as much as possible during this bridge-replacement project.

Open Forum. Pete asked about the East Coast Greenway. Jack told us that it is a planned project and currently consists of mostly on-road routes and paths. Doug asked about a web site that gives information on existing and proposed bike paths. The MassBike site gives this information.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00

*designates that a vote was taken.