



Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: March 20th, 2019
Time: 7:15PM
Location: 1st floor conference room
Attendees: Executive committee: Christopher Tonkin (chair), Jack Johnson, Muris Kobaslija, Adam MacNeill, Scott Smith
Town of Arlington: Daniel Amstutz, Senior Transportation Planner
David Creedon, Phil Goff, Jennifer Litowski

Review/approval of February

February Minutes approved as submitted without amendment

-- Motion to approve

-- Carries, no opposition

TAC report - Scott Smith

Scott Smith not attending, Chris Tonkin and Daniel Amstutz reported:

- At the TAC meeting, approval/support was given for the letter ABAC drafted to the Ride Share companies expressing a need for change to manage customer drop off locations.
- TAC social was held with positive feedback.

Bike share updates & renewal of Lime Contract & spring rollout

- Daniel reported the spring roll out is in process.
- Lime is moving to a demand-based model of distributing bikes; with a target of 2-3 trips per vehicle per day. They will not be distributing a fix number of bikes
- Brief discussion on ABAC's role of scooter share services. There was agreement as the scooters will occupy the same space as bikes, ABAC will stay involved in the topic.

ECO Week/Spring Bikeway Clean up coordinated with EALS

- Day will be May 4th with a 9:30 start
- Focus area will be around Mill Street

ECO Week/Daniels Bike Tour on April 28th in the afternoon

- Daniel reviewed the route planned.

Annual Tour of Arlington

- Agreed to shift the Tour of Arlington to a date to be determined in the fall. (between Labor Day and Columbus Day)

Crossing of Trader Joes

- Daniel reviewed a slide presentation with discussion items that included:

- Reviewed of potential signage that included: intersection warning signage, bike pedestrian shared use area, etc.
- A preference as expressed for:
 - Coming from Drake Village – have a ‘look’ (with eyes) painted on the ground & and picto-gram sign expressing ‘caution bicycle traffic’
 - Coming from Trader Joes – have a ‘look’ (with eyes) painted on the ground
 - Bike Path - in both directions post a ‘pedestrian 100 feet’ sign with the work ‘slow’ painted on the pavement.
- Open question; how to measure success?
 - Several items were discussed. Aligned on conducting a post implementation survey with a few questions put to people using the area.
- ***Motion made to have Daniel work up a memo with that proposes detail road markings & specific signs at Trader Joes.***
-- Motion to approve
-- Carries, no opposition

Proposed changes in zoning by-laws for bike parking CT to report to ARB meeting

- Daniel gave feedback that for new housing developments; the active discussion is between 2 spaces per bedroom and 1.5 spaces per bedroom.

Bike Parking Guide lines for the town

- Discussed a request from Acorn Bakery to install bike rack to support that shop. ABAC and the Town do not currently have a bike rack program. Chris will write back expressing support but that there is no specific policy.

ABAC action plan for 2019

- The plan for a meeting will be reviewed and scheduled later in the year. No specific timeline is set.

High School Rebuild bike associated issues & updates

- Biking usage was not part of original design but is now actively included.
- reviewed diagrams with potential bike path & pedestrian access
- discussed the access of bikes from Mass Ave, current design needs a rework as it conflicts the drafted auto drop off zone
- There will be a path connecting to DPW site, with pedestrian and bike access.
- The planners will take a more in-depth look at bike parking options, including covered bike parking.

Participation in EcoFest

- Stephen, Adam and Chris covered the booth.
- A request came up for adult education classes for bicycling
- A request came up related to water pooling between spy-pond and lake street. The issue is complicated by a mix of erosion, winter road sanding, which clogs the drains and causes large puddles to narrow the bike lane.

Annual Winter Social De-Brief

- Generally, the event was a success.
- Attendance was lower than prior years potentially due to weather or lack of alcohol or low interest in the presentation

- Agreed to use the Kick Stand again and re-evaluate if attendance remains low, we can reconsider

Spring Counts on the Bikeway

- May 14 & May 18, 7:00 am – 19:00 pm
- The event could be postponed if severe weather is expected

Results on Somerville Bike Committees initiative on Rideshare issues

- ABAC signed onto the Somerville letter. A response was made by Lyft, no response from Uber.

The video Glen Koenig's video

- Glen was contacted at EcoFest and requested to provide the video.
- Subsequently, a snippet of the video was shown to Daniel – no one has a copy at this point in time.

FaceBook page latest report

- A lengthy request came to the page, a copy will be emailed around.

"Building the Cycling City" a synopsis of the book by Daniel

- The book reviewed the history of Dutch development of cycling centric cities. The book discusses the history of the transformation for Netherlands and developments in other major cities.

-- Motion to adjourn

-- Motion carries, no opposition