

## **Draft Minutes for Princeton PBAC Meeting March 27, 2014**

400 Witherspoon Committee Room B. 7.30 p.m.

Present: Steve Kruse (Chair), Sam Bunting, Anita Jeerage, Laurie Harnon, Karen Jezierney, Mayor Liz Lempert, Carolyn Seafort, David Cohen.

Guests: Dan Rappaport

Apologies: Deanna Stockton

1. Accident Review  
There was one accident 2/16/14 at Prospect and Washington.
2. Transit Fund  
Liz: There were many bike proposals. The trustees considered a proposal to make a bike map of Princeton to be worthy of approval if PBAC were willing to work with the company to make it.  
Motion from Steve: Is PBAC committee willing to act as a client for the proposal?  
The motion passed.
3. 'Bicycle Benefits' proposed by GMTMA.  
It's a scheme where people showing up with a 'Bicycle Benefits' sticker on their helmet get discounts at area businesses. The committee broadly thought it was a good idea.. (Jerry F) will be informed that a PBAC member (Anita) has seen the program in action, elsewhere, and thinks it's a good initiative.
4. Debrief of 'Fireflies' Ride  
Steve discussed the idea of doing it at dusk instead of at the time when we did it, when it was very dark. A couple of people fell, but no serious injuries. Liz mentioned that it was also very cold. There was some confusion about what happened to the lights. Karen will write to Mimi Owicienski to ask what happened to the lights.
5. Communiversity (Apr 27)  
Laurie reported that she had not had notice about whether PBAC was getting a booth. Eight committee members have volunteered to staff the booth. We will use it as a chance to advertise the upcoming Ciclovía (May 4) and Bike Rodeo.
6. Ciclovía (May 4)  
This will be a unique opportunity to access a closed road for walking, cycling or skating. The road is Quaker Road. Laurie announced that the Mayor will be presenting at the Updike Farm at 2.15 pm. Anita has made a very nice poster / flyer. Laurie reported that the planning is moving on. There are some ongoing questions about parking, which Laurie is working on. The police and PFARS will be assisting. Carolyn is going to check out the possibility of having organized swing-dancing on site. For advertising, Liz requested that committee members send her material so she can put it on the municipal website.

7. Bike Rodeo (Saturday May 17 10-2pm)  
Laurie asked for volunteers. There will be a meeting about this with the police next week.
8. Engineering Update  
Steve presented a communication from municipal engineer Deanna Stockton. Following discussions with the school and police, the engineers intend to apply for a grant to place a sidepath on Route 27 between Snowden and Poe. They will also apply for a grant for widening the sidepath on Mountain Ave. There was some discussion about whether PBAC should be involved in applying for grants for more/other projects.

The committee also inspected interim proposals for 'Complete Streets' solutions for upcoming capital projects undertaken by the municipal engineering team. Sam stressed that the proposals are subject to further change and modification as the engineers consult all stakeholders.

*a. Mount Lucas*

Comments: cyclists are likely to cycle in both ways on the unidirectional northbound sidepath, risking pedestrian-cyclist conflicts. The question of what kind of signage would guide cyclists for sharing the sidepath.

*b. Prospect*

Concern about a mixed-traffic solution and the specific types of traffic calming, which might introduce choke points and vehicle-cyclist conflicts. The idea of improved signage was raised to try to encourage appropriate road sharing on a boulevard-type solution. The committee considered again commitment to bike boulevards and came to the conclusion that the concept was worthy of implementation and that Prospect was a suitable street for a boulevard.

*c. Hamilton*

The possibility of an on-street bike lane was greeted with enthusiasm. A potential sidepath raised questions about whether it was reasonable to expect cyclists to dismount every block. There is also a question about potential cyclist-pedestrian conflicts. Furthermore, a sidepath may not be as pretty or durable as a concrete sidewalk. Several committee members expressed a preference for bidirectional bike lanes. The possibility of adding sharrows was also discussed. Sharrows are not really appropriate owing to traffic volume but exist currently on Hamilton, which has equivalent traffic volume.

9. Goals  
It was agreed that the next PBAC meeting will start with a discussion of what measurable goals PBAC should adopt for the year 2014.

Next meeting April 24.