

BCGP Philadelphia Cycling Committee
November 18, 2008

Attendance: Matt Anastasia, John Boyle, Charles Carmalt, Claudia Crane, Kyle Gradinger, Russell Meddin (Chair), Sarah Clark Stuart, Dennis Winters (Secretary)

Russell Meddin called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Minutes of the October 21, 2008 meeting were approved.

South Street Bridge Detour – Boyle said he had met with a stakeholders group at Penn and they were generally opposed the 32nd Street alternative including Lt. John Washington (past NBW board member and Penn bike cop). Penn wants the Coalition to come back with additional alternatives and Boyle and Stuart met with Charlie Carmalt to look at other options.

The team has looked at 33rd Street flow changes and streets around the new post office. Mixing zones with green bike lanes and cross-hatched “no man’s land” were discussed and potential sites identified. Carmalt promised to get back to the Coalition with his reaction to our proposals.

Gradinger said some consideration should be give to cyclists who might use 23rd and 24th to go south from Chestnut Street. There will be a lot of motor vehicle traffic making the same

BCGP Updates:

- **Adopt-a-Rack** – Boyle said the only racks installed on Broad are right in front of the Coalition’s office. Red racks are being installed on South Street. He said that over 255 racks had been installed since the last Philly committee meeting. The Coalition has assumed responsibility for maintaining them in center city and old city.
- **East Coast Greenway** – Stuart/Boyle reported on three meetings that have been held in the last two or three days and additional meetings are coming up in the next couple of weeks. There was some discussion about the three alternatives to get from the Delaware River to the Schuylkill River. Several Committee members favored the Spring Garden route as the primary ECG option and supported the east to west diagonal route as a desirable alternative. There was also support for creating a Spruce/Pine cross-town bike boulevard. Gradinger will prepare a paragraph outlining the Coalition’s position and send it to Spencer Finch at PEC.
- **New Crosswalk on MLK Drive at Art Museum** – Nothing New
- **Comprehensive City Bike/Pedestrian Plan** – Nothing New
- **Bike Counts** – Nothing New
- **Fairmount Park Path improvements** – Nothing New
- **Bike Sharing** – Nothing New

Brainstorming 2009 Campaign Program – John Boyle

- Stuart suggested a campaign and possibly a Charrette to plan for a north-south and east-west bike boulevards.
- Kyle Gradinger initiated a wide-ranging discussion on how best to implement a Philadelphia Complete Streets Campaign. There was some support for meeting with Mark Gorton when he visits the city in January.
- Stuart said she would like to find a way to empower people to work with their building’s owner to get additional bike parking near or inside their buildings.

Other Business:

- Meddin said after meeting Mark Gorton in NYC he was contacted by Gorton who wanted to bring Street Films to Philadelphia on January 16th.

December meeting will be at Whole Foods at Callowhill and 20th Streets.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully,

Dennis R. Winters