

**Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia**  
**Philadelphia Committee**  
**June 15, 2010**

**Activists in Attendance:** Bob Thomas, Russell Meddin, Ray Scheinfeld, Dennis Winters

Coalition Staff: John Boyle, Sarah Clark Stuart

Guests: Charles Carmalt, Spencer Finch, Jeff Knowles

Meeting was called to order by Russell Meddin at 6:30 PM.

- John Boyle updated the committee on the Ben Franklin Bridge and the upcoming DRPA meeting on Wednesday. The Coalition will be presenting its study of providing full accommodations for bicycles including a ramp on the south walkway on the Camden side of the bridge and widening the north walkway.
- Charles Carmalt said the parking meter posts are now being fitted with bicycle rings for bike parking. The city has 1,500 now with the opportunity to purchase more. Walnut and South were the first streets to receive them. He said he would be interested in comments from cyclists who use them.
- Sarah Clark Stuart said the Planning Department was planning on presenting the plan on July 20<sup>th</sup> and then to begin working on the plan for the rest of the city. She was uncertain that the presentation would actually take place on that date.
- Volunteers are still needed for Bike Freedom Valley on Sunday. Riders should register ASAP.
- There was a brief discussion about the CSX crossings at Race and Locust but there is nothing required of the Coalition at this time. Thomas said the problems would probably be taken care of with the planned work in the fall.

Guest Presentation: Spencer Finch, PEC

Finch updated the committee on the 58<sup>th</sup> Street Connector and the status of the trail

from Bartrams Garden to the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge and the East Coast Greenway into Delaware County.

He said the 58<sup>th</sup> Street residents wanted to maintain parking on the street mainly for security issues and asked that the trail be placed on the sidewalk. Michael Baker is the design firm and the input from the community and other groups will be shared with them.

Finch laid out corridor maps for the Greenway from the crossing at Cobbs Creek Parkway and 59<sup>th</sup> Street and asked committee members to offer comments as he explained the draft plans so far. From 59<sup>th</sup> Street, the Greenway will turn north onto Chester Avenue over to 58<sup>th</sup>, and then 58<sup>th</sup> all the way to Elmwood, then south on Elmwood to Lindberg Boulevard at Bartrams.

Next meeting will take place on July 20th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Notes taken by: Dennis R. Winters, BCGP Secretary