

# MEETING MINUTES

## Friends of the Community Path

### October 16, 2014 Meeting

#### Task List

#### Alan

- Cedar/Lowell CPX: Alan to ask MassDOT about whether porous or non-porous pavement was specified and installed
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- Alan to find out who serves as the Cedar/Lowell project owner/manager
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#### FCP Minutes

- Next Meeting
  - Possible dates: Nov 3, 5, 12th, 13th
- Bryce Dinner (skipped)
- Debrief: Saturday 9/20 CPX Celebration
  - Good turnout, Tour de Somerville, Mayor, Rep. Provost, Alderman Neidergang, etc.
  - Photos:  
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.772466336143508.1073741840.129724153751066&type=3>
  - Cedar-to-Lowell solar lighting pilot, Solar One vendors attended.
  - Thank you letters, re: tax-deductible donations
  - Need someone to enter some new emails for listserv
    - Jonah to enter them
- 3. Cedar St. to Lowell St. CPX
  - Current Plans:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0Bzcb6IgndenVeFFadnpyQ2ZuV0k/edit?usp=sharing>
  - Construction progress: landscape plantings, asphalt pavement (not porous?), asphalt, final plans (sheet 10) for the “mounds” at Cedar St., rubberized running side strips, exercise stations, terraced seating with artificial turf
  - Sarah Spicer (10/9): “It will take some additional time to put in the ramp, finish up other project items...waiting to see how quickly things move ahead before scheduling opening. “
  - From Sarah Spicer: “Maxwell’s Green: has been sold. I believe we settled issues regarding the covenant and the associated traffic monies.”
  - **Things for Lynn to ask George P**
    - No list from George yet of \$220K expenditures
    - Warwick St. Curb Cut connection – no update from George yet
    - Cedar Street Crosswalk?
  - **Alan to ask MassDOT about whether porous or non-porous pavement was specified and installed.**
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- CPA “Letters of Interest” done by Alan
  - **Alan to find out who serves as the project owner/manager**
  - Need volunteers to fill out applications which we choose to pursue. Jonah/Max/others?
    - **Alan to figure a level-of-effort for each application**
  - Current suggestions for CPA projects:
    - RR Artifacts
      - Was received well by the committee
      - Not too much work for applying
    - Repaving & Grading for drainage/Paving/wood chips
      - More work
      - Ann P’s husband Alec may be able to help us with cost estimation
    - Possible addition: Twin Cities Spur design
- GLX/CPX
  - MassDOT Secretary Davey stepping down - last day 10/31 (day before 10/30 Moving Together conference). May return to public sector later. Frank Depaolo interim Secretary. <http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/10/09/transportation-secretary-richard-davey-step-down/ZAAQHZwnexkoXDvMUG1RNI/story.html>
  - 2/20/2014 Memorandum of Agreement GLX+CPX, City & MBTA
    - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0USyucmkk3LRzVLakptRkZoWGM/view?usp=sharing>
    - **Everyone should read the MOU**
  - Debrief: DEP GLX/SIP (Mitigation GLX Delay) Public Hearings 10/2, 10/6
    - 10/14 letter sent from FCP: CPX, spur, etc
  - Debrief: 9/18, 6-8 pm GLX Pre-Construction Public Meeting
    - Early Gilman Square utility work: Medford St. Bridge, School Street bridge
    - GLX Medford Branch between Lechmere and Washington St. Stations: Including site work, limited viaduct foundations, drainage & utilities
  - Debrief: 10/2 Official GLX Working Group Mtg Debrief -
    - FCP suggestions on CPX advisors, charrette, greening GLX, etc. (not discussed).
    - Public GLX/CPX meeting to be held (date TBA)
    - Changes to path design announced:
      - Bollards removed between NorthPoint and Washington St. station
      - 2 "rest" areas on the viaduct were added
      - Inward-curved "missile" fences over catenary only , otherwise straight vertical fencing will be acceptable.
      - Some changes in the retaining wall/noise barriers in the Cross St. area.
  - GLX Team/David Farmer (10/14): *“Last week we reviewed the latest plans... asked the design team to update the plans... working to set up a meeting with the City of Somerville this week or next. Once we have had the meeting with the City, we should be ready for the Friends to come in and take a look at the updated drawings.”*
  - 3 CPX Connections to neighborhood to be improved/included:
    - **Lowell Street Station:** GLX scope does not reach CPX at bridge sidewalk
      - From Sarah Spicer: the city does not support expanding the GLX scope

- November TBD: Lowell St. Bridge Traffic/Pedestrian Safety meeting by the City
  - The bridge is owned by MassDOT, and the City of Somerville cannot do work on it. So, the best option is to have MassDOT include the bridge work in the GLX project scope.
  - **Gilman Street Bridge:** Construction well underway without requested changes
  - **Twin Cities spur**
    - From Sarah Spicer: *We do not support an expansion of the GLX-CPX scope. Public pathway near Refrigerator Building should be discussed separately. ... To stick to schedule and cost. We would be open to supporting this as a separate project. It's a huge ask to add this to the GLX project. We support maintaining that the GLX doesn't preclude the Grand Junction.*
    - Northeastern student GJP report finished – getting an online link. Can we get a public presentation
      - **Alan to ask Peter and Fei to hold a public presentation**
    - **Legislators:** Alan and John Sanzone met with Sen. DiDomenico staff who committed to set up meeting w/MBTA and legislators. Need 2-page fact sheet, just for the spur.
  
- Strategic Planning/Outreach: Upcoming Meetings and Events
  - Donate a tool station and pump somewhere on CPX, courtesy of Friends?
  - Community Path counting - MAPC/MassDOT new sensors project. CPX 1st?
    - Pete Sutton or MAPC-folk may know. Keep eyes peeled at Moving Together.
  - 10/30 MassDOT Moving Together Conference
    - <http://baystateroads.eot.state.ma.us/workshops/view/1857/2014-moving-together-conference>
    - Lynn to present drafting presentation. Max, Alan attending. Anyone else attending?