



Friends of the Community Path

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Minutes by Jonah Petri

1. **Next Meeting: Monday, May 6th, 7-9 PM at The VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville**
2. **Attendees: Jonah Petri, Lynn Weissman, Alan Moore**
3. **Cedar to Lowell Section**
 - **Construction expected: May to August 2013. Waiting for schedule update from City.**
 - City says all mitigation pieces are in progress.
 - **Lynn will talk with the Mayor about possibly doing a groundbreaking of some sort**
 - Maxwell's Green letter (Lynn) on Path access curb cuts and obstructing gate
 - **Lynn to add cover letter**
 - **Alan will ask Hayes about lease status on Cedar/Lowell segment**
4. **CPX route along GLX viaduct to cross Fitchburg tracks, meetings, etc. - Updates**
 - State Transportation Funding, GLX, CPX – FCP sent several letters this month to politicians
 - MPO Meeting April 18, 10 am Transportation Bldg, Boston-what to ask for? CMAQ?
 - Grand Junction trail, coordination/cooperation with new Friends Group
5. **Strategic Planning/Outreach**
 - **Future FCP Public Talk** to give an update on path status. Location: possibly VNA community room.
6. **Remaining Funding Needed**
 - Cost Estimates
 - **GLX/CPX** – We should Map the CPX segments that will need completion funding
 - The HDR/Gilbane GLX design contract includes a cost estimate for the CPX, which we have yet to see. We want to understand the marginal residual cost of the CPX on top of the GLX.
 - **Rachel/Alan will find the cost estimates which they did in the last few years, and send it to Lynn.**
 - Where to look for CPX money? GLX?, CMAQ? TIGER?
 - Is there a required TIGER or CMAQ match? Could we do it with CPA, CMAQ, + other money?
7. **GJT**
 - MIT will build a segment in the area of Main St through Binney, on Cambridge land.
 - GJT meeting TBA

8. FCP Treasury

- Tracking income and expenses, and keeping records for all those items.
- Composing and sending thank you notes for donations
- **Alan to discuss with Rebecca**

9. MAPC Metrics Report

- Jenny Raitt sent an invitation for a meeting of all Somerville-area recipients of MAPC grants.
- **Alan will ask Eric about the metrics report.**

10. Debriefs and Updates

- **Sec Davey Presentations**
 - (Alan, March 6) During the presentation, Sec Davey mentioned that MassDOT is designing the CPX.
- **GLX Project Abutters Meeting**
 - No attendees from FCP
- **3/14 Phase 1 GLX Public Meeting**
 - Lynn and Mary Ainsley discussed the desire for creative funding strategies for CPX
- **Somerville By Design: Complete Streets Series: 3/18, Also 4/22 – Who can go?**
 - (Alan) No path-related updates from meeting
 - <http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/SomervilleCompleteStreets.pdf>
 - 2/11 video and other info: www.somervillebydesign.com
- **3/19 Community Meeting about Cross Street Bridge Construction**
 - Max had emailed that CPX connections looked OK
- **3/21 Middlesex Greenway Meeting, Burlington**
 - New, local organization working to connect trails within Burlington
 - Lynn was invited, did not attend.
- **3/23 (revised). Massachusetts Land Conservation conference, Worcester. Future of green parks.**
 - (Alan) Met local groups working on connecting local conservation areas in Worcester. Interesting, but not working with the same sort of constraints which we have.
- **4/4 B2Green**
 - Mostly networking
- **4/9 GLX stakeholders meeting (at CLF)**
 - Mayor, Somerville Delegation, other Reps and stakeholders in attendance
 - Discussion around the current funding crisis, fallout from the transportation bill.
- **4/11 Bike/Walk Summit**
 - (Alan) Met at State House with Denise, Tim Snyder, Sen. Jehlen. Keynote speaker, the Mayor of Fitchburg, gave a pro-smart-growth speech.
- **Ethanol rail routes through Somerville**
 - No updates yet.

11. Upcoming

- **Sat 5/4 - 2nd annual Massachusetts Rail Trails Conference, Devens.**
 - Hosted by the Massachusetts Recreational Trails Advisory Board & MA Department of Conservation and Recreation
 - (Alan) Nothing on urban trails. Katharyn will attend.
- **5/11-5/19 Bay State Bike Week 2013**
 - We could table somewhere, but lack of volunteers makes this unlikely.
- **Tuesday, May 21, 2013 — 5th Annual Boston Bikes Update**
 - with Nicole Freedman, Director of Boston Bikes, City of Boston . Achievements, challenges, goals of the Mayor's effort to create a "world class bicycling city." Hubway, the Bike Network Plan, parking facilities, youth programs, festivals, etc.
 - Boston Public Library, Rabb Lecture Hall. Hosted by LivableStreets Alliance/ Free
 - <http://www.livablestreets.info/event/5th-annual-boston-bike-update>
 - 5:45 PM Doors Openm 6:15- 7:30 PM Presentation , 7:30- 8:30 PM Q&A/Discussion
 - We should have FCP supporters for Q&A

- **DCR Lower Basin subcommittee** (on Charles river bike/ped bridges): May 7, 4-6 p

12. Misc

- Crowd Funding - **Lynn will add to potential funders list**
 - <http://www.dailydot.com/politics/civic-crowdfunding-neighborly-citizeninvestor/>