



Friends of the Community Path  
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Monday April 9, 2012 meeting  
Minutes by Jonah Petri

1. **Next Meeting: May 7th, 7:00 to 9:00 PM ,VNA, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville**
2. **Attendees**
  - Jonah Petri, Lynn Weissman, Alan Moore, Heather Van Aelst, Rachel Burckhardt
3. **Debrief**
  - **3/28 MAPC meeting**
    - Updates, Metrics feedback (14 pages, large text, tables, no charts, graphs, or maps)
    - Some discussion about ridership projections, especially ped projections
    - **Alan will look at it in more depth, then pass to Lynn, Lynn will try to solidify our feedback**
    - **Lynn will ask Jenny @ MAPC about MAPC grant \$ and fiscal sponsorship**
  - **3/12, meeting with Sarah and Hayes, and 3/21 Mayor meeting and Follow-up**
    - Construction bid on schedule to be out by September
    - VNA will donate the small easement for ramp/stairs area, design is better now, less sharp corner to maneuver.
    - Western stairs denied by Massachusetts Architectural Access Board; western stairs not planned at this point
    - Cost increase at 75% design
      - 75% design estimate for construction costs was \$2.9M (vs. \$1.6 million estimate with western stairs and only \$1.9 Million in 2012 TIP funding allocated for construction), trying to get details from the City about this difference.
    - Letter to City RE: parking, soil MG covenant breaches (disturbed soil, parking in ROW, taking out trees, also Royal White)
      - Reply from City said that the violations of the covenant were “necessary”, but did not recognize that covenant violation is problematic
    - Soil documentation
      - We got the data from the developer - looks clean. It is unknown how appropriate the soil is for drainage and other construction issues.
    - Connecting from the ADA ramp at Lowell Street to Somerville Junction Park is a no-go from the City. They are unwilling to change the design at this point.
  - **4/3 Upper Charles River Basin Committee (North/South Bank Bridges)**
    - Alan attended a meeting on this, and presented a map of the area. The North Bank bridge should open this year from Cambridge to Charlestown. This should increase pressure to build the Comm Path. An RfR is out to design the South bank bridge.

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#### 4. Upcoming

- GLX Community Path Design meeting, TBA
  - Can we have a pre-meeting? **Alan will write to Mike and Theresa and ask, and also ask about path design meeting date.**
- May 2 MAPC Sustainable Communities meeting, 1 – 4 pm; **Alan will attend**
- May 3rd, 4-7pm Fourth annual B2Green - table
  - Heather, Alan and others(?) are helping out. **Lynn and Heather will coordinate getting the stuff to Heather, since she will be 1<sup>st</sup> tabler.**
  - **We may show the draft Comm Path Powerpoint presentation**
- June 5 – Massachusetts Smart Growth Association/Great Neighborhoods Initiative (GNI) Summit
  - **Alan will attend, and send out the agenda when it's available**
- July 21 ArtBeat
  - Who will reserve a table asap? Ask to be next to STEP table again. **Lynn will ask Frank**
  - Reserve the date – staffing the table
  - Priorities for tabling this year? Might be Letter campaign, recruitment, \$, etc.
  - Materials – maybe letter and flier printing. Plenty now to sell (buttons, bottles)
  - Do Map Updates to reflect newest sections? Steve or Naomi from STEP can help.