

Friends of the Community Path
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December 4th, 2012 Meeting Minutes by Jonah Petri



1. **Next Meeting:** January 10th, 7-9 PM at the VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville
2. **Attendees:** Jonah Petri, Lynn Weissman, Heather van Aelst, Alan Moore, Sonia Lipson, Max Morrow, Rachel Burkhardt, Cadon Price-Jones
3. **CPA Updates**
 - 5 required seats and 4 At-large seats on the City's Community Preservation Committee (CPC), which may be chosen by the Mayor or the Board of Alders.
4. **Recent CPX Press**
 - Somerville, Cambridge weigh Inner Belt bridge for Community Path - Somerville,
 - <http://www.wickedlocal.com/somerville/news/x35745572/Somerville-Cambridge-weigh-Inner-Belt-bridge-for-Community-Path#ixzz2DiZSFOWi>
 - SCATV: <http://greatersomerville.wordpress.com/>
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 - <http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/2012/12/03/plans-for-community-path-shown/mh1uYAOcrO4wTZ09BUikwO/story.html?comments=all#addComm>
5. **Upcoming Meetings**
 - 12/6 Thursday, 3 pm FCP Presentation/discussion with Somerville Legislative Delegation.
 - 12/7 Friday Meeting w/Congressman Capuano, GLX/CPX Viaduct Plan
 - 12/11, 6-8 pm CPX/GLX Public Design Meeting
 - Holiday Inn Hotel Somerville, 30 Washington Street, Somerville, MA
 - <http://www.facebook.com/events/179102065561011/>
 - MBTA, HDR, AECOM, Tom Evans (MassDOT) assumed to be coming
 - **Shuji - Announce in usual places**
 - **Post Fliers (Lynn Drafting)** for parks, cafes, bulletin boards, schools, kiosks, your front door, etc.
 - **Jonah will update flyer ASAP**
 - **Lynn will send out to folks to print & post**
 - Questions for FCP to ask:
 - What's the public process moving forwards?
 - What's the current situation with the walls next to Path?
 - Glass blocks in walls? Transparent sound walls? Other suggestions?
 - Connection to Brickbottom
 - **12/11 Tuesday MAPC/ Rails To Trails Conservancy (RTC) Conference**
 - 9:00 – 10:15 RTC meeting with state/ regional officials (not public).

- 10:30 - 12:00 Seminar on National trail development, policy, funding, MAP21
 - **Alan, Rachel may attend**
- 4:00 – 6:00 pm GreenRoutes working session on mapping a regional vision.
 - **Alan will attend**
- **12/12 Wednesday MAPC/ Rails To Trails Conservancy (RTC) Conference**
 - 2:00 pm – Somerville Community Path bicycle tour for RTC. Meet in Davis Square. Bike tour will follow the existing path to Cedar St then head east along or close to the proposed alignment to Lechmere and the Grand Junction trail to Cambridge
 - **Alan & Lynn will lead the tour**
- **12/12 Wednesday: 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**
East Cambridge Planning Team Meeting w/ DCR and Charles River Basin Council
 East End House Basement Meeting Room
 105 Spring Street, East Cambridge, MA
 - **Max will attend**
 - **Lynn will forward ECPT info to Max**
- **12/18 Trust for Public Land – FCP Presentation**
 - **Alan, Lynn will attend**
- **January 8, 2013 Tuesday, 4-6pm - New Charles River Basin Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting**
 - Charles River bridges on agenda,
 - FCP will present
 - **Alan and Lynn will attend to present CPX and Fitchburg crossing status**
- **January 8, 2013, Tuesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm Station Area Planning Charrettes Event #3: Plan Presentation**
 - The last of three events focused on the future of Gilman Square, Lowell Street, and Ball Square. Come, listen, and participate. Neighbors and other stakeholders should assert their interests early rather than late
 - **Heather will attend**
- **Livable Streets Street Talk – January**
 - **Lynn to re-send one-pager to Alan for comment**
- **MAPC Metrics Meeting: Date TBD.**
 - Comments on Final Draft being submitted

6. Meeting Debriefings

- **11/27 and 11/29 MassDOT Transportation Future Meetings**
 - <http://transportation.blog.state.ma.us/blog/2012/10/massdot-transportation-future-meetings-update.html>
 - Comments:
 - By FCP
 - **Lynn will draft and submit comments**
 - Looks like there is no deadline
 - MassDOT may need to give feedback to Governor around January, so comments needed soon.

- Via listserv
- Cambridge City Manager to MassDOT
 - Included GJT and CPX
- City of Somerville
 - Still being drafted

7. Cedar/Lowell Segment Update

- On track to be completed by the end of the summer in 2013 (according to City)
- Bids due early December

8. Letter re: MaxWell's Green Sidewalks

- Sidewalks need some rework to accomodate peds, and to interface with bikes heading to the path.
- Alan will send MWG plans to Rachel and Todd
- Rachel will work on draft
- Jonah volunteers for editing

9. New FCP Alternative

- Fixes to make:
 - Chevrons like Michelin Maps
 - Multiple versions
 - Only HDR
 - Only FCP
 - Fix legend
 - Elevation boxes