



Friends of the Community Path
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December 9th, 2013 Meeting
Minutes by Jonah Petri

1. Next Meeting: Monday January 6th, 7-9 PM at The VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville

Note: Meeting has since been changed to Jan 13

2. Attendance: Lynn Weissman, Alan Moore, One Hwang, Rachel Burkhardt, Max Morrow, Katharyn Hurd, Kevin Donovan

3. Ye Olde Minutes

- Jonah owes September minutes
- Lynn owes November minutes

4. CPX Updates

- Gilman Street Bridge – MassDOT has not included our bike/ped recommendations for cycletracks.

- Alex Epstein and Alan to draft another letter. Lynn will help edit.

- Charles River basin projects (Rachel)

- Studying path connectivity in the basin area. Report available on DCR website.
- Comment Deadline: January 5.

• Lynn/Alan to write comments.

- Possibility of some road diets with Memorial Dr. and Greenough Blvd.
- Reluctance to include new paths greater than 8 feet wide, due to perceived impacts on environment.
- Requested bridge underpasses: The Accelerated Bridge Program (ABP) is moving too quickly to design and pay for the new underpasses.
- Construction funding announced for the Charlesgate connection, a critical path that has been studied for decades to restore the Olmstead park route between the Charles River and the Fenway, as part of a ABP project.

5. 11/13 Meeting with City about CPX

- Cedar to Lowell

- Maxwell's Green — for sale! FCP and City need to ensure that all bike/ped tasks get done.
- Cedar/Lowell section construction contract goes through July 2014, but we've learned that contractor may apply for an extension through Sept 2012.

- **Alan will write a response email to MassDOT asking for the contract to NOT be extended.**

- CPX Davis Square

- Included in the outcomes for the visioning process was the plan to have the gates at Grove St removed and replaced with bollards. Timeline TBA.
- FCP could form a group to study alternatives for bike crossing of Davis, and send our recommendations to the City.
- Who is the design contractor?

6. Strategic Planning/Outreach

- Debriefings

- 10/27 Review of GLX plans for CPX. 2nd office visit in January 2014 to GLX team to look at plans to be scheduled.

- **Alan will send out doodle poll.**

- 11/20/2013 Mass Smart Growth Conference — FCP small CPX exhibit produced and presented there? (though Max & Alan were unable to find it there)

- **Lynn to ask for the exhibit materials for our use.**

- Grand Junction Path

- 11/7 Planning Board meeting 9 & 39 Medford St. – Lynn and John Sanzone attended

- Residential Development proposed for the refrigerator building site near twin city plaza. There were requests by FCP and Planning board that the developer build that the section of the GJP.

- Much enthusiasm for the GJP and its connection to the CPX!

- Upcoming

- **Tuesday 12/10/2013 Young Professionals in Transportation** lunch meeting on the CPX and MAPC Metrics Report — 12:30 to 1:30 at MAPC office
- Friends of the GJP meeting, Thursday December 12 from 5:30 to 7 PM at MIT in room 4-149

- Community Path connections on the agenda
- Organize a Spring 2014 Somerville to Northampton MCRT bike ride?
 - Alan to check with other groups on interest.

7. Easy Ride Travel Time (One Hwang)

- One got set of editable parking data from the city. Some progress getting a GIS expert to work on writing the implementation of the equation.
- Kathryn suspects that there might be further missing data.
- Parking data -- might need to get done via some other means. OpenStreetMaps?
- Preliminary Grant is available for a collaboration between a community group and a research group. One proposes applying to use cell phone data to improve on the MAPC metrics.

8. Community Preservation Committee — the 4 public members have been selected and announced.

- These folks seem to have extensive affordable housing experience.

9. Treasury/Accounting

- Max is the new treasurer!
 - Max to ask Todd about PayPal account details. Perhaps also transfer control of the PayPal account to Max.
 - Website change to Max's address for donations.
 - Alan to change FCP site.
- SCC fiscal sponsorship fees and check for MAPC lunch have been paid (Max)
- Max will renew all memberships under 'Friends of the Community Path'
 - Lynn to send Max a list of organizations.

10. Transportation Bond Bill

- Currently working its way through the legislature. It does NOT actually appropriate any money for anything - it just creates a budget and a long list of things that money could be appropriated for over the next 5 to 10 years. There is no promise that anything included will actually get any funding.

- (Alan) We should suggest specific projects, as it will open the door for specific advocacy action later.
- (One) We should ask for a bigger percentage of the bill to be devoted to bike/ped.
- (Jonah) Percentage might not matter, as the bill does not require any particular money to be spent.
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- Kevin will ask Colin Duran (sp?) about strategy

- Lynn to ask Senator Jehlen's aide

- Alan to ask Representative Toomey's aide

- (One) We should establish a relationship with Ed Markey for the Comm Path

11. South Coast Rail (SCR)

- Some state legislators are suggesting that the GLX should be postponed until after SCR. We need to advocate for the GLX to be built first.
 - (Rachel) GLX is a better deal per dollar, and has little opposition.