



Friends of the Community Path
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MEETING MINUTES

Friends of the Community Path
Wednesday, January 24, 2018 8-10pm
Newtowne Grille

Attendees: Lynn Weissman, Alan Moore, Jonah Petri, Max Morrow, RJ, Deniz Karakoyunlu, John Sanzone

1. GLX/CPX

- 1/10: Lynn emailed GLX Program Manager John Dalton to publicly post the full winning and losing GLX Bids.
- The GLX Team saw this as a request a public records, so on 1/11, they filed a formal MassDOT/MBTA Public Records Request
 - Lynn received notice about this my email
- 1/23 GLX Community Working Group (CWG) Meeting
 - Alan and Lynn attended as public observers
 - GLX Team said that (Somerville and Cambridge?) City engineer has had meetings on the design with the GLX team.
 - During the discussion afterward (which the GLX Team does not considered to be a formal public comment period) Lynn brought up the formal MassDOT/MBTA Public Records Request. When Lynn also asked about public design input, the GLX Team emphasized (1) that Design-Build process may not allow for this, (2) Cost neutrality is required for any design changes (3) there is a strict GLX timeline and budget
 - Right after the CWG meeting, Lynn confirmed that GLX Team had in fact filed the formal MassDOT/MBTA Public Records Request on her behalf
- 2/27, 4-6pm: Tentative next meeting of the GLX Community Working Group, at 200 Inner Belt
- 3/7 Evening: Tentative General GLX Public Meeting
- FCP Goals
 - How discuss and make design recommendations to the GLX Team on?
 - 1) Central to School, 2) missing neighborhood connections 3) Fitchburg cross-over, Lowell/Gilman direct access

- o Work with City to support of any proposed improvements.
- o Somehow fund design and construction of anything MBTA won't build.
- o Final design should allow for (and not prevent or preclude) adding missing CPX infrastructure in the future

2. Grand Junction Path (GJP) Updates

- Wed 1/31/2018, 1-2:30 pm Meeting (**Alan and Lynn to attend**) on GJP design and construction, including MIT funding, Volpe Center redevelopment, Cambridge's \$10M allocation.
- Gore Street reconstruction planning to begin soon. Need to get GJP on the agenda. Someone to find out schedule, who is the design consultant? **John Sanzone?**

3. GJP x CPX Connection in Cambridge and Somerville at City Line

- Is a MassDOT ID# needed for the connection be considered for CIP or other State and/or federal funding? We still need to find out.
- Staybridge Suites developer is in favor but probably will not change plans. Alternative route would be thru Sav-mor Liquor property if/when re-developed.
- Follow up with Brad Rawson about his promise that Zoning or Master Plan or Overlay district will require construction, or at a minimum, include an easement for a connection. (**Alan to do**)
- Feb Meeting with Staybridge developer– **Lynn will poll for meeting times**
- Meeting with DivCo to get their and Phillips support (**Lynn had initial informal discussion with DivCo and will follow up**)
- MAPC

4. FCP Path Maps need updating (**Lynn to explain changes to Jonah**)

Needed for

- Mission Update
- DivCo, [Philips](#)
- Support of Coalition to connect all these paths including CPX x GJP. Mystic-Charles connection (to Northern Strand) ect (**Lynn and Alan to request that MAPC support meeting and perform a study**)
- State Bike Plan – when will it be released (**Alan to ask Pete for status**)? FCP will write a letter

- Add Mystic-to Charles Connector (desaturate this and others not CPX)
<https://www.facebook.com/mystictocharles/photos/a.886091818234954.1073741827.886090584901744/888088548035281/?type=3&theater>
- Update our regional (and local?) CPX maps to change the yellow dashes to red, with text showing funding but no construction done yet.

5. Proposed FCP Mission Update to be discussed at February meeting

Proposed Revisions: **FCP needs to choose an updated mission statement**

- The mission of the Friends of the Community Path is to **build the missing link that will connect 4 regional paths** and public transit via a Community Path extension (CPX) along the future Green Line extension (GLX)
- The mission of the Friends of the Community Path is to **connect several regional multi-path networks** and public transit via a Community Path extension (CPX) along the future Green Line extension (GLX).

6. Ramp/curb cut at CPX and Warwick elbow

Alan to prepare a design with Brian Postlewaite of the Bike Committee to present to the City engineer

7. CPA funding: Community Path from Cedar Street to Buena Vista Rd.

According to the City:

- RFQ was released 12/27 and proposals were due Thurs 1/18.
- 27 firms pick up the RFQ package, only 5 firms submitted proposals.
- Some firms had questions and City responded in an Addendum, which also included this link to the existing survey files for the path.
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ulhpli_getJHbVMAJVnd8vquJXkvwNd?usp=sharing
- Initial review completed by the end of next week and Arn will try to schedule a meeting of the group for next Thursday or Friday
- Who would to represent FCP? Lynn or Alan? **Alan to call Arn?**

7. Future happenings:

- **Mon, 2/5, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m Draw 7 Park Public Meeting**
East Somerville Community School Auditorium
50 Cross Street, Somerville, MA 02145
- **DCP Public Meeting: Proposed Pedestrian/Bicycle bridge Over Mystic River**, connecting Everett to Somerville and Charlestown at Draw Seven Park.
 - **Mon, 2/12/2018 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Partners Health Care**, Assembly Row, Assembly Room - Room B, 1st Floor (Enter

Through West Entrance; the other will take place in Everett the evening of Wednesday, February 14.

- **Wednesday, 2/14,/2018 – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
Edward G. Connolly Center, 90 Chelsea Street, Everett
- 9/29 Minuteman Bikeway 25th anniversary Celebration being planned
- 7/27-28 Golden Spike 2018 conference on entire Mass Central Rail Trail Union Station, Northampton, Mass

9. Tabled for another time

- ArtBeat Letters – Need someone to enter emails
- CPX Public Tour to be scheduled to raise profile for best design with GLX
- MAPC report is on-line again http://www.mapc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/2013-06-07_Final-Metric-Report.pdf
and still on FCP Google Drive:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzyjGvNUuLdpWXRWd1MxRm5FMWs/view?usp=sharing>