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April 14, 2014  
Minutes by Jonah Petri

1. **Attendees: Jonah Petri, Alan Moore, Max Morrow, Lynn Weissman**
2. **Next Meeting: May 5th, 7-9 PM at The VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville**
3. **Debriefs**
  - 4/12 Mass Central Rail Trail meeting Golden Spike event (Alan, Jonah)
    - Several speakers gave updates on many of the segments of the MCRT.
    - Clinton has a rail 1500' tunnel which they are trying to buy from PanAm. Price negotiations are ongoing, mainly about price.
    - **Jonah to send photos to Lynn**
4. **CPA Public Meeting**
  - to engage the City's relevant boards, commissions, and community groups. May 2014 meetings (TBA) for the public. Upcoming May 7 and May 12 CPA Public CPA Mtgs (Lynn)
  - There is a link on the Somerville CPA site to apply for funds. Do we apply? Needs on existing segments which could be addressed by CPA funds:
    - Repaving
      - via regrading with clean soil — without digging
      - specifically Trolley Sq and Willow St
    - Refreshing the erosion controls
      - wood chips or other
    - Using the old RR artifacts in storage at DPW in some sort of historic interpretive monument.
  - **Lynn, Alan to email Hayes, Sarah to get their thoughts**
5. **GLX News**
  - 1/31 Meeting w/GLX Design Team
    - 2/27 letter with FCP recommendations sent to GLX Team and City, waiting to hear back
    - **Alan to email David @ GLX Team asking about Public CPX Meeting**

## 6. Grand Junction Path (debriefings)

- 3/26 Cambridge Redevelopment Authority Mtg – project priorities (Alan, Max)
  - GJP is on their project priority list, but exactly where is not clear.
  - Redevelopment Authority is getting something of a reboot, and seems to have new energy.
- 4/8 Cambridge City Council Mtg – Community Development Funding priorities (Lynn, John)
  - Lynn commented in support of the GJP, but did not stay for discussion.
- 4/2 GJP with City of Cambridge RE: NU Student connection design (Alan)
  - Peter Firth, his student, Jon Sanzone, Brian (intern) attended
  - Student has not gotten very far yet – unclear how much will come of the project
- 4/10 MassPike/People's Pike Mtg (?)
  - No debrief
- Connection to Comm Path looks to be getting harder (review new 3D GLX map)
  - **Alan to email Jeff Rosenblum to remind him about the connection issue at Red Bridge site. Remind him to get plans from GLX team and examine possibilities which are still available.**
- MIT doing a new feasibility study about the GJP, due in Sept/Oct 2014
  - **Lynn to ask Jon Sanzone geographic scope, ask about Red Bridge area specifically**

## 7. Cedar St. to Lowell St.

- Old RR artifacts
  - **Alan to ask Hayes/Sarah about including the RR artifacts in DPW storage**
- Curb cut for Warwick St. connection
  - Alan reminded George P @ Somerville about the Maxwell's Green curb cut at Warwick St, as MWG is pushing back on their responsibility.
  - **Alan to call George P to get his current opinion and possibly escalate**

## 8. Strategic Planning/Outreach/Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 2014 New England meeting of East Coast Greenway – State of Greenway Summit
  - Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Boston, MA
  - Alan has RSVPd. Who else can attend for FCP?
  - RSVP: [thismessage:/#14456cf258e14b58\\_spotlight](https://www.eventbrite.com/event/14456cf258e14b58)
- 4/16 Deadline to apply to Mayor's Recreation task force:
  - <http://tinyurl.com/SomRecTaskForce>
  - Task Force meetings will begin in late April and wrap up by the end of 2014.
  - There might be path concerns here
- Tabling – need tablers
  - 5/1 SIXTH annual B2GREEN
    - Thursday, May 1st from 4-7pm, Holiday Inn. Table fees \$75 for Non-Member Nonprofit. Max, write check?

- Rebecca Schrumm, Somerville Chamber of Commerce, rjschrumm@hotmail.com
- **Alan to ask Jon Sanzone and Rachel, Ann & Alec Peralta, Alex, organize other B2GREEN tablers**
- Bay State Bike Month
  - 5/6 Brooklyn Boulders , 7-9pm (or 10pm)
  - **Lynn, Max to attend**
  - **Jonah to look into attending**
- Artbeat
  - Saturday, 7/19, 11am-6pm <http://www.somervilleartscouncil.org/artbeat/2014>
  - Max reserved a table next to STEP table
  - In June -Frank to order stickers; Max to reimburse
  - Maps may need updates
- Easy Ride Travel Time
  - Jonah got GIS parking data from Brad Rawson and forwarded it on to One

## 9. Debriefs

- 3/11 The Green Line Extension (GLX) Design Working Group/Construction Working Group (Alan)
  - Alan asked Mary Ainsley again for the CPX cost estimates, and Mary said that she could provide an older one
- 3/31 6th Annual Boston Bike Update (Alan)
  - Nice meeting at Faneuil Hall, lots of advocates attended, nearly zero representatives or officials
- 4/3 3rd Annual 2014 Bike/Walk Summit (Max)
  - There were discussions about which issues were pressing. Some support for bike lane protection bill
    - Bike lane parking enforcement
    - DCR funding
    - Fuel Tax Indexing support

## 10. Computers

- Need Unsubscribe instructions in FCP listserv email signature- done
- Lynn - Yahoo formatting nightmares. Using Thunderbird – better.
- 1/8 McGrath Highway Report Gilman St. Bridge letter - Alex/Alan drafting next letter?
  - Perhaps just leave it at this point

## 11. Miscellaneous

- Who can help Alan in Community Path gardening (Max?)
  - Should we put up a sponsor sign?
- Community Path counting, need at least 1 full day count in shifts, volunteers?
  - Possibly a technological solution if not enough volunteers
  - **Alan will ask Eric @ MAPC about whether they have interest in counting path users**
- Better map of path thru the City, in conjunction with SBC/City (outsiders get lost)