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**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**August 12, 2014**  
**Minutes by Jonah Petri**

**Attendees:** Alan Moore, Jonah Petri, Lynn Weissman, Jon Sanzone, Rachel Burkhardt, Ann Peralta

**1. Next Meeting: September 8th, 7-9 PM at the VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville**

- Minutes from last 5 meetings to be posted **by Alan**
- Last posted minutes March 2014.
- **Lynn to email Jonah if April or May needed.**
- **Alan to email Lynn June & July**

**2. Saturday, 7/19, ArtBeat**

- Successful: poster delivered to Sec Davey
- Informed people about the party, GLX update
- Photos on FCP facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.744638272259648.1073741837.129724153751066&type=3>
- Follow-up Email list, donations deposit **Jonah will add emails to listserv**

**3. CPX Celebration “Party on the Path” Saturday 9/6. 2:00-6:00pm. Raindate: Sat Sep 20. Cedar-Willow St. section/Lexington Park**

- City’s first Zero-waste party. 6/30: Lynn Met w/Jackie Rosetti. City can supply tables/chairs, tents, PA system, set-up, clean-up, games, police detail, take care of permitting, maybe cover some other costs, press releases, etc. 7/12 BOA Voted “yes” on permit.
- 8/7 Lynn to talk with Jackie again.
- **Lynn to make Save The Date announcement after talking with Jackie**
- **Food Donations**
  - Lynn created an inline Script, spreadsheet to track amounts, food track vs delivery
  - **Lynn to send script to Ann Peralta**
  - **Ann to ask Shaws about donating 10 watermelons**
  - So far – thanks, Max - we have donations for 250 people of Iggie's bread/rolls/bagels
  - Max waiting to hear back from Whole Foods about bananas, apples, baby carrots, cheese, butter, dips, and maybe some cake/cookies, for 250 people
  - We also plan to try to get 20-30 cheese pizzas. **Lynn to ask Mike**
  - **We will likely need to pick all of this up that morning, somehow.**

- Thank you letters/tax-deductible – Max?
- **Jonah volunteers to pick up food to help if the City cannot**
- **We should plan to table and bring maps, posters, etc. and other informational materials (on Grand Jet Path, CPX part of the MassCentral RT, etc.) to answer**
- **Lynn to ask for a supporter to be a photographer**
- **Lynn to invite politicians/stakeholders**

#### 4. Cedar St. to Lowell St. CPX

- Warwick Street ramp & stair construction are in progress. Lynn wonders if the ramp will be ADA compliant
- MassDOT is supposed to construct the Warwick Street curb cut, although Maxwells' Green had committed to doing it in original plan and in covenant.
- Construction contract extended (from May to September and again) to November
- **Lynn will possibly write a follow-up letter to MPO, requesting no further contract extensions.**
- Community Garden possibilities? Wait until the Cedar/Lowell build is complete, then see what the possibilities are. **Alan to look at how much detail needs to be in an application for adding new community gardens and 2 other ideas**

#### 5. Lowell St. Bridge Traffic/Pedestrian Safety Community meeting- debriefing

- Painted chicanes seem to not be working. Cars are driving over the lines, essentially ignoring them.
- November: City mtg to follow-up. We will request that MassDOT/GLX Team rep join us at this meeting.

#### 6. GLX/CPX

- Tues 7/10, GLX Public Hearing: Equivalent Facilitation (mobility and accessibility) Letter requesting scope expansion or Lowell Street T-station to CPX connection: ADA, proximity, etc.: Current GLX Lowell Street T Station work scope doesn't include CPX ramp on Lowell Street sidewalk. Lowell St across to the Lowell St Station. ADA issues and safety risks here.
  - Since this is a MassDOT-owned bridge, it must be a MassDOT decision, not the City.
  - The issue is the ADA-accessibility of the access to the station, which is the point we made in our recent letter
  - **Lynn to contact politicians to ask for MassDOT/GLX team to be present in the Lowell St traffic study meeting in November. We can raise the issue there.**
  - **1<sup>st</sup> GLX stop coming from the west via CPX, magnifying the risks from this crossing due to high ped/bike traffic.**

## **7. Gilman Street Bridge/McGrath**

The issue is the lack of coordination between the design of the Gilman St bridge repair (actually the resulting road cross-section) and the McGrath overpass & Medford St

- There's a joint letter in the works: Somerville Bike Committee, LivStreets, STEP, etc.
- Thurs 7/17, MassDOT McGrath Grounding Study Updates

## **8. CPX/GJP spur**

- Reframe the GJP/CPX connector to the back side of Twin Cities Plaza / Medford St as a CPX spur to be rolled into the GLX scope.
- Have the GLX do a feasibility study, then roll the design & construction of the spur into the GLX.
- We suggested this to Bev Scott at the mitigation meeting
- Letter or meeting needed: Somerville delegation and Sal Dominico so they understand the spur idea as part of GLX

## **9. GLX Team FCP Draft letter on recommended design changes – no reply yet. Alan to contact David Farmer to get a meeting with GLX team**

## **10. Next meeting with City TBD – Alan, Mark N – dates?**

- Some upcoming Wednesday. Lynn to create doodle poll for meeting with City.

## **11. Latest (4/30/2014) Davis Square plans/Path: 'Wayfinding and Multi-use Path' includes a 1/5 mile(!) "Walk-your-bike" section from Grove St/ (and MBTA busway) all the way to Buena Vista Rd (Path at Seven Hills Park):**

<http://www.somervillema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/somerville-by-design-update-05-09-2014.pdf>

- Busway sidewalk was made wide to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians
- Grove Street access not included?

## **12. CPA – \$4.5M available.**

- **Lynn/Alan to rejuvenate old letter (never sent) on recommendation**
- **Applications for FY2015 due 9/26 [www.somervillema.gov/CPA](http://www.somervillema.gov/CPA) . Possibilities are the Somerville Junction Park improvements, including the reworking of the parking area by Central Street**
  - repaving current path
  - Grading at Willow Street and approaching Trolley Square to re-route water pools
  - Paving all along existing CPX.
  - landscape improvements for current path
  - RR artifacts (as CPA historic preservation)

**13. Community Path counting**

- Before/after for CPX. Sensor counters (need volunteer to follow-up with MassDOT electronic counter contact - Alan to explain). MAPC/CTPS assistance?
- **Lynn to follow up with Eric (?) from MAPC about SCP counting**
- **John to check with Tom Evans about who the 2 people at MassDOT are who know about the new bike/ped counting tech**

**14. MassDOT transportation project criteria comments Alan to find deadline & write a letter**

**15. 10/30 MassDOT Moving Together Conference**

<http://baystateroads.eot.state.ma.us/workshops/view/1857/2014-moving-together-conference>

- FCP invited to present for FCP/CPX. Lynn will participate in panel on GLX multi-modal components.
- Register for 1 free (presenter), 1 paid entry, and we will see about more later.
- **Lynn to follow up with Max about whether conference registration had been done already.**

**16. 7/16 - “Measuring Up: More Bang for the Buck in Transportation Project Selection”**

The 2013 Transportation Finance Act - project selection criteria forum co-sponsored by Transportation for MA and Transportation for America. (Alan summarized)