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MINUTES – MONTHLY MEETING Monday, November 6, 2014

1. Next FCP Meeting – December 11 (later changed to December 8), 2014 - VNA, 7-9 PM

- June and July 2014 meeting minutes missing. Alan will draft from his notes.
- October minutes? (Jonah)

2. Saturday 9/20 CPX Celebration

- Cash donations \$100 (give to Max)
- Jonah - New emails on listserv?
- Thank you letters/tax-deductible

3. Debrief: 10/30 MassDOT Moving Together Conference

- Photos – Lynn needs from Alan (VIA Dropbox not email, please) to post with powerpoint slides.
- Lynn will also edit/post narrated video of slides (with voice recording from conference)

4. Path Amenities: Location? Donation? Installation?

- Tiny library
 - Kate Fichter mentioned the idea of a tiny library (small, free book swap housed in a box on a stick)
 - Might be a good FCP project. **Alan to follow up on location and other details.**
- Tool station and pump
 - One question is how useful is it, given that they have a very high failure rate.
 - Alan to contact bike parking coordinator at MBTA about possibility of locating one under the overhang at Davis Sq T station.

5. Cedar St. to Lowell St. CPX

- Plans: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzcB6IgndenVeFFadnpyQ2ZuV0k/edit?usp=sharing>
- Construction progress:
 - New: Benches, foam
 - Ramp skeleton is fabricated, but deck will need to be installed separately, as it must be measured in-situ
 - Likely no full opening this year.
 - Possible staged opening. **Lynn will ask for a partial opening up to the tunnel.**
- From Sarah Spicer: “Maxwell’s Green: has been sold. I believe we settled issues regarding the covenant and the associated traffic monies.” **Lynn will ask for**
 - List of \$220K expenditures

- Warwick St. Curb Cut connection
- Cedar Street Crosswalk?

6. CPA Letters of Interest done by Alan. Update on Application process for 1) RR Artifacts, 2) Grading for drainage/Paving/wood chips, 3) Repaving

- Possible addition: Twin Cities Spur design? - Not submitted for this year's deadline, so we won't pursue it this year.
- City is allowed to apply for CPA funds. In fact, if the proposal is on city land, the city must be a co-applicant.
- The application includes elements which might be hard for us to generate, but the city might have the resources to generate them.
- Possible that we could approach the city to be co-applicant, and split duties with them.
- RR Artifacts
 - This is a lower amount of work, which we could take on as a primary applicant.
 - Junction park might be a good location for some of these.
 - Rail crossing warning might want to be closer to its initial location at Cedar.
 - **Alan and Rachel to work together on some ideas.**
 - **Alan to submit RR artifacts info to the historic commission for determination of historic significance, as required for application.**
- Grading for drainage/Paving/wood chips
 - Parts of this option was deemed ineligible for CPA funds by the committee. It would need to be installation of something new (e.g., but just wood chips are considered maintenance, which is not eligible under the CPA.)

7. GLX/CPX

- **Debrief: 10/28, 2014 6:00 – 8:00 PM: The New Lechmere Station.**
 - O'Brien Highway will have cycletracks from 3rd street to Museum Way
- **Thursday, 11/6, 6:00 – 8:00 PM: Washington Street & Union Square Stations Holiday Inn, 30 Washington Street**
- **2/20/2014 Memorandum of Agreement GLX+CPX, City & MBTA:**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BOUSyucmkk3LRzVLakptRkZoWGM/view?usp=sharing>
 - **We should all read it.**
- **Need to meet w/GLX Team + City**
- **3 CPX Connections to neighborhood to be improved/included:**
 1. CPX at Lowell Street Bridge sidewalk
 - No curb cut from sidewalk to street. Bridge belongs to MassDOT not City.
 - November TBD: Lowell St. Bridge Traffic/Pedestrian Safety meeting by the City
 - Lowell Street Station: GLX scope does not reach CPX at bridge sidewalk, but GLX Lowell Street Design to come later

- During MassDOT conference, Mary Beth Mello, FTA lead for our region, said that it should be easy to expand scope to cover safety issues.

2. Twin Cities spur

• **Debrief: 10/22 Brickbottom/McGrath Public Meeting**

- George Proakis & MIT Dept of Urban Studies presenting as part of Somervision.
- Largely a breakout session for brainstorming ideas for BB area
- The path was discussed in many cases, and the students were pretty excited about it.
- They were not aware of the GJP, and were excited to learn about the possibilities.
- They will produce recommendations for how to rezone the street grid, and present them to the city, Dec 4th. **Jon to find out if we can attend, if we can publicize it, if we can distribute it.**
- **From Sarah Spicer:** We do not support an expansion of the GLX-CPX scope. Public pathway near Refrigerator Building should be discussed separately. ... To stick to schedule and cost. We would be open to supporting this as a separate project. It's a huge ask to add this to the GLX project. *We support maintaining that the GLX doesn't preclude the Grand Junction.*
- **Northeastern student GJP report** finished – getting an online link. Can we get a public presentation? **Jon to email core group with link to Fei's study.**
- **Legislators:** Alan and John Sanzone met with Sen. DiDomenico staff, who committed to set up meeting w/MBTA and legislators.
- Light rail//1 vs. 2 tracks. How often can light rail go, given street crossings? Meet outside for small group tour?
- 11/10 mtg with Dr. Scott GJP
 - Need 2-page fact sheet – map, bullets. **Jon to provide two-option map, send to Jonah to combine Fei's maps, perhaps.**
 - Strategies
 - 11/5 Chamber of Commerce Dinner, Alan will attend, MBTA Dr. Beverly Scott is keynote speaker.

8. Strategic Planning/Outreach

- **MassDOT Secretary Davey** Goodbye/thanks letterMassDOT Secretary Davey Goodbye/thanks letter - Jonah composed, **Lynn to send along to Rich Davey**
- **Next meeting with City?**
- **MPO Needs Assessment** http://www.ctps.org/Drupal/charting_2040_needs. **We could look at this.**
- **Community Path counting** - MAPC/MassDOT new sensors project. CPX 1st? **Lynn to email Pete Sutton**