



## Friends of the Community Path

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### MINUTES– MONTHLY MEETING Monday, January 12, 2015

**Attendance:** Lynn Weissman, Alan Moore, Max Morrow, John Sanzone (taking Minutes), Ilze Greene (SolarOne)

#### **1. FCP Meetings**

- We will meet to every month or every other month, as needed
- Ongoing design issues, but sometimes is a lot of waiting
- **Lynn – action item – Doodle poll for March FCP meeting (March 3-5, 9-12)**

#### **2. Path amenities**

- Tiny library
  - Kate is talking with Alan about style/cost and location, near Lexington playground.
  - **Alan – action item – Follow-up on pre-made tiny library for tiny library and follow up with Erik Scheier about tools/pump location(s)**
- Tools/pump stations need overhangs or coverings. Erik suggested easy location is around Alewife station, but we'd like it in Somerville. Maybe put one under Lowell Street bridge or by Davis Square T overhang (on Somerville Theater side)

#### **3. Wireless Solar LED lights to be piloted on existing Community Path from Lexington Playground to Cedar Street, likely by end of January**

- Ilze G discussed SolarOne's collaboration with the City of Somerville and a software company to place 8 solar-powered LED lights on the path from Lexington playground to Cedar Street. Somerville will install these lights with LED and sensor technology to dim/light up lights based on those who pass.
- There was a public meeting on the lighting on June 30<sup>th</sup>, though nobody attended, nobody at meeting remembered hearing of it. **Ilze G. will schedule and publicize (with City another community meeting to FCP, STEP, abutters (by leaflet)**
- **Ilze G. will look into whether the new lights' sensors can be used to gather counting data, so we can compare use now vs. when new sections are opened.** This is wireless technology with the potential to do rough counting of passing path users. This kind of data will be very important to help future/other paths get funding and political support.

#### **4. Cedar to Lowell CPX**

- Cedar-Lowell CPX Spring/summer opening, no specific date is being given
  - Hayes says MDR – construction company – doesn't want to open it until completely finished because of liability (however, people are using it anyway)
  - Lowell St bridge is MassDOT owned, so access is a bigger issue.
- Lynn – action item – follow up with George Proakis after Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> zoning meeting for answers about \$220k, Warwick curb cut, and Cedar St. crosswalk
- Lynn – action item – Follow-up with Alderman Mark Neidergang about neighborhood meeting on same issues + CPX access to/from CPX ramp on Lowell Street Bridge

#### **5. CPA**

- 10% required Open space funding not possible so far this fiscal year with current CPA applications. So CPC may re-open application in the spring. Maybe we submit applications now, if CPA board is willing to take them.
- Ideas for CPX/CPA Open Space funding: Twin City spur design money, community garden needs, tiny library, tool stations, and benches on path.
- Drainage/chips – Not clear what can go into CPA because there may be things city should be doing anyway
- Next Year RR artifacts CPX/CPA Historic Reservation funding
- Alan – action item - maybe submit open space applications now
- Alan – action item – contact community garden coordinator for needs or possible expansions for CPA request
- Alan/Rachel – action item – get what is needed for RR artifacts CPX/CPA Historic Reservation funding

#### **6. GLX/CPX**

- GLX funding event with Gov. Patrick – no mention of path at all.
- There was mention of Rt. 16 GLX stop that nobody corrected, so maybe possibly getting included.
- Lynn – action item – ask David Farmer again about meeting with GLX team again. adding Wig's suggestion about fencing.
- Twin City Spur
  - Meeting in two weeks. Grand Junction Path friends meeting after, to follow up in February. Maybe suggest CPA funding to design/build Spur.
  - Lynn – action item – ask Mary Ainsley for plans
  - Lynn, Alan, Jonah, Rachel, John S - Look over Memorandum of Agreement re: GLX/CPX/City/MBTA before Spur meeting  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0USyucmkk3LRzVLakptRkZoWGM/view?usp=sharing>
  - John S – action item Find out about the \$90k pen space contribution from the refrigerator building

## **7. Strategic planning/outreach**

- Union Sq. meeting – looks positive as interim, plus when GLX happens, more will probably be done
- MPO meetings – not sure what’s going on or what the biggest issues are. Wig will probably know.
- Boston Metro Green Routes was renamed “Land Lines”, not a great name.
- Community Path counting – sensors. SolarOne (item #1 above) or MAPC/MassDOT sensors?