



Friends of the Community Path
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Monday July 9, 2012
Meeting Minutes by Jonah Petri

1. Next Meeting: August 13th, 7-9 PM at The VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville

Update: Meeting time revised to 6:00 to 8:00 pm, on the 3rd floor of the VNA.

This time includes some joint meeting time with Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership (STEP) from 7:30 to 8:00 pm. Anyone wishing to may also stay for the remainder of the STEP meeting (which ends at 9 pm).

2. Attendees: Jonah Petri, Lynn Weissman, Alan Moore, Shuji Sato, Rebecca Schrumm, Heather van Aelst, Rachel Burckardt

3. Outreach

- Shuji is posting our meeting announcements monthly to various sites, as planned last meeting

4. GLX Mitigation

- MassDOT rated possible mitigation projects:
<http://greenlineextension.eot.state.ma.us/documents.html>
 - CPX listed as possible mitigation project, well-rated in general
 - Inner Belt (bus+bike/ped and/or car) bridge not being considered possible for mitigation

5. Letter campaigns

- Friends will do a letter gathering campaign at ArtBeat re: Mitigation and GreenDOT
- Email to Path supporters
 - Separate letter for Mitigation (first) and GreenDOT (second)
- **Lynn will draft these letters**

6. Cedar/Lowell Update

- 2012 TIP amended to maintain funding for increased cost of the Cedar/Lowell segment, by flexing money from Brookline bikeshare.
- From City:
 - Estimated Construction Cost: \$1,673,484.80
 - Construction to Begin: Winter 2012/2013
 - Per MassDOT: Current Status: 100% Project Plans have been received. (as of 06/07/2012)
 - Hayes only recently shared the cost estimate with us
- Maxwell's Green (MWG) entrance walls/signage on Lowell Street
 - Recently poured walls at the MWG entrance block visibility down to the path, and there's a planning board meeting where this may be discussed.
 - Visibility concerns on GLX-side wall as well

- Another concern is bike access through the MWG site. We want to make sure bikes can get all the way through from Warwick/Clyde to Lowell. Note: City has since said that bike access thru Site from CP and Warwick/Clyde will not be restricted.
- **Lynn will call planning board to see about meeting date, and possibly draft a letter. Also possibly address access issues.**
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- 7. **L RTP 2013-2016**
 - Union Sq & Washington St. GLX station construction funded
 - Rt 16 Planning funding added
- 8. **North Bank Bridge Opening**
 - **Lynn will attend**
- 9. **GreenDOT**
 - June 18 Mode Shift/Green DOT Presentation - MassDOT, STEP, and CPX
 - August 2 comment deadline
 - **Lynn will draft this letter**
- 10. **Grants**
 - GNI/MAPC
 - Lynn & Rebecca will meet to finalize her standing as Treasurer, sign a new DBA
 - GNI - conversation with Ina, very excited about FCP progress with the path
 - MAPC Metrics update to come in July/August as a new draft
- 11. **Website update**
 - Need to decide on content before we hire a designer
 - **Jonah will provide a 'sandbox' website for people to prototype ideas**
- 12. **ArtBeat**
 - Lynn will send out a sign up sheet for shifts, trying to coordinate new folks with long-termers
 - SBC will share their tent with us
 - **Lynn will update our flyer**
 - **Alan will email Naomi with final map changes**
- 13. **CPA update**
 - New amendment might be in recently passed budget, **Jonah to check**
 - SCC taking the lead in the effort
- 14. **Powerpoint Presentation**
 - Posted on google docs
 - **Alan will update images which Jonah found/took and add path map from Boston.com**
 - **Lynn will edit/trim text**
- 15. **Davis Sq Streetscape**
 - **Jonah will email and try to attend**
 - Wayfinding for SCP
 - Grove St gate