



Friends of the Community Path

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Monday March 5, 2012

Minutes by Jonah Petri

Next meeting: Monday, April 9, 7:00 to 9:00 PM ,VNA, 259 Lowell Street, Somerville

1. **Attendees:** Jonah Petri, Lynn Weissman, Alan Moore, Frank Moore, Rebecca Schrumm, John Wilde, Andy Hinterman, Rachel Burckardt
2. **VNA Room reservations**
 - **Frank will now assume the responsibility of reserving the room each month for our monthly meetings**
3. **3/12 Meeting with Sarah and Hayes**
 - They have requested a pre-meeting with us before our meeting with the Mayor 3/21.
4. **3/21 Proposed Mayor meeting agenda**
 - Fitchburg track crossing former Red Bridge vs. Urban Ring Bridge
 - We need to better understand the City's position on the Urban Ring bridge (City terms it the Inner Belt Access Road), and let them know the disadvantages of choosing that plan at this time
 - **Alan will try to get in touch with Fred Salvucci**
 - MBTA lease, environmental liability insurance issue (Alan)
 - Insurance can be purchased after the lease is signed. We will recommend that the City to do.
 - Path funding, in general
 - Path funding for next section to Somerville Junction Park w/o waiting for 2020 GLX
 - Maxwell's Green issues (ROW use, soil stockpiling, through access, \$ benefits, etc.)
5. **Cedar/Lowell Path Update**
 - Schedule to reach advertisement for construction schedule is tight. City could lose the \$1.9 Million in TIP funding if they do not meet the deadline. Encroachments, etc

- The MAAB board denied the variance for the western stairs, but decided that the vote was procedurally incorrect so the vote must be re-taken next month. **Alan will ask the MWG developer about getting the soil documentation**
- VNA/ Somerville Junction Park
 - We sent our letter suggesting two changes to Sarah and Hayes, to change the switchback design to include a wall, and build more of the wall towards the park. Sarah quickly responded that the City would not consider altering the design.
- Maxwell's Green
 - Joel measured the narrowest portion of the path ROW and found it to be 70'.
 - There is no or very little setback from some of the MaxGreen buildings.
 - Need a map of as-built bike/ped access through site. Bikes should not be on sidewalks, gates are for automobiles only, not bikes/peds
 - There are grading issues in two places on the Path from MWG construction.
 - No written reply from City on soil data, City verbally confirmed not having documentation of soil characteristics
 - who pays if there's any impact?
 - **Alan will ask the MWG developer or Sarah again about the current bike/ped routes**
 - **Alan could ask the city planner who is staff for the city planning board if they have this info**

6. Upcoming – Who will attend?

- Fourth annual B2GREEN Thursday, May 3rd from 4-7pm
 - Chamber of Commerce Green Committee, Holiday Inn.
 - Table fees: \$50 for Chamber Member Nonprofit \$75 for Non-Member Nonprofit
 - **Rebecca will ask Heather, Andy and Frank will table from 6-7, Lynn will get stuff to Heather**
- Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
 - Green Line Extension public meeting on latest design plans, Gilman Square & Lowell Street Stations, Somerville High School Auditorium, 81 Highland Avenue
 - **Jonah will be there 6-7 PM, Lynn and Rebecca may be there before**
- March 21st – GLX Design/Ball and College Ave Stations, Medford City Hall
- July 21 ArtBeat – save the date

7. Debrief

- **GNI grant update**
 - How can we build our relationship with the newly reformed GWS? Right now, we have no ideas for directly working together with GWS.

- **Rebecca will check in and see if GWS has any ideas**
 - **2/8 GLX Washington Street/Union Square Stations Design meeting**
 - Lynn may write a followup, depending on our meeting with the City
 - **2/9, 2/10 Rails to Trails conference debrief (Alan)**
 - Alan will deliver notes later
 - 2/28, 6-8 pm MBTA cutbacks Hearing Somerville HS
 - 2/29 CCP Community Check-in
 - **MAPC metrics feedback**
 - **Rachel then Jonah will take a pass at reviewing and commenting on the data report that MAPC provided. Then Lynn and Alan will review.**
- 8. Misc**
- Naomi from STEP has volunteered to do some maps work for us if we need it.