

Friends of the Community Path
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Monday May 7, 2012
Minutes by Jonah Petri (**action items**)



1. **Next Meeting: Monday June 11, 7-9 PM at The VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville**
2. **Attendees**
 - Jonah Petri, Lynn Weissman, Alan Moore, Heather Van Aelst, Rebecca Schrumm, Andy Hinterman, Dave Rajczewski, Shuji Sato, Rachel Burckardt
3. **Outreach**
 - We will post our meeting announcements in places in the community (virtual and otherwise) to get the word out about our meetings. Boston.com, LivableStreets, MassBike, The HeraldSomerville Journal, Patch, Scout, WickedLocal,
 - **Rebecca will post to those sites, and will contact Jonah for help if the workload is high**
4. **Updates**
 - **GLX Design contract was extended by MBTA to full 30%, at May2 MBTA Bd mtg.**
 - Liz Levin, MBTA board member, was supportive of the CPX in the design (and presumably construction) of the GLX
 - **Alan will try to get the contract to see how CPX in there, and whether the MBTA could amend the contract at this point to include the CPX over the Fitchburg crossing to Lechmere/North Point.**
 - We should advocate to get the CPX design included all the way to Lechmere (and crossing t at the former Red Bridge location) at appropriate upcoming MassDOT and MPO meetings.
 - **3/21 Mayor Meeting**
 - No reply from City yet on our follow-up letter.
 - **Lynn will ask STEP for ideas about next steps.**
 - **GNI/MAPC Grants**
 - Grant money coming soon. We will use funding for website update, PPT presentation improvements, and other consultant fees.
 - **MAPC Metrics feedback**
 - We are close on our feedback draft. Some final iteration, then we will send to Wig. **Jonah will take the next steps.**
 - **Powerpoint Presentation**
 - Alan been working on this, and it's now available for final comments within the Friends working group.
 - **Grove to Cedar**
 - Phone call to Lynn about incidents on the path: a resident wants callboxes and more/brighter lights, and more police presence on the existing Grove to cedar Path. He may write a letter and ask for our support. **Lynn will send out letter if it is realized.**

- **Cedar to Lowell**
 - 100% design is submitted to MassDOT. Alan has 100% design PDFs. City will not share the cost estimate.
 - **Alan will send PDFs to Andy for larger prints.**
- **McGrath Delevation**
 - **May 10 LivableStreets meeting about McGrath Delevation.** The state recently issued a contract to do repairs on McGrath, despite local opposition to repair rather than de-elevation. **Lynn and Alan will attend. Alan will link to Ellin's STEP letter re: McGrath on the Facebook page**
 - **May 31, 6-8 PM Public Meeting on removal of McCarthy Overpass on McGrath Highway - Location TBA**
<http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/groundingmcgrath/Home.aspx>

5. Upcoming

- **GLX/CPX Community Path Design meeting – TBA**
 - **Alan will ask GLX team about a pre-meeting.**
- **May 10, 7:00 pm Community Preservation Act (CPA) Amendments**
 - **Lynn and Shuji will attend (Alan attended too)**
- **Thursday, May 17, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Nurses Hall at the State House**
 - Massachusetts' first ever Bike/Walk Summit. This event will be the central MassBike event for Bay State Bike Week and is co-sponsored by the two statewide biking and walking organizations, MassBike and WalkBoston (respectively). It will give local advocates from all corners of the state a chance to tell their legislators how important bike/pedestrian issues and legislation are for Massachusetts.
 - **Rebecca will attend to network and spread info**
- **May 31, 1-3 pm (location TBA) Massachusetts Smart Growth Association (MSGA) Place-making workshop**
 - with GNI partners and City of Somerville maybe MassDOT and MACP: Gilman Sq. Station, Washington Street Station, I-93 Underpass by Assembly Square
 - **Joel will attend.**
- **Sunday, June 3, 12-4pm, East Broadway. Carnival table**
 - Reaches East Somerville audience. Nobody can commit yet, so maybe we can share a table with STEP. **Lynn will ask Ellin about STEP's status.**
- **Tuesday, June 5 – Massachusetts Smart Growth Association/Great Neighborhoods Initiative (GNI) Summit**
 - **Lynn &/or Alan will attend/tag team.** Others? **Jonah can stand in if there's an important gap to fill.**
- **ArtBeat July 21**
 - We need a 10x10 tent. **Dave will lend a tent to Lynn.**
 - Reserve a table next to STEP table again.
 - Reserve the date – staffing the table
 - We need to update our maps. **Lynn will ask Steve Mulder.**
 - **Rebecca will ask Frank to reserve a table @ ArtBeat**

6. Debrief

• B2Green

- Table was quiet, a handful of people came up to the table,
- Alan spoke with the City's sustainability coordinator. He said that the city has some money from the EPA to redevelop brownfields in the city. We discussed how this could perhaps be used for cleanup responsibilities as part of the Cedar/Lowell segment or in other segments of the GLX/CPX project.
- **Alan will ask the City about known contamination sites in the GLX/CPX project and if it's already part of the \$2.2M budget for the Cedar/Lowell segment.**

• Current TIP Budget

- There is funding for 4 path projects in the current TIP, but not the CPX. Alan proposes writing a letter to support those paths' inclusion. **Alan will draft the letter and circulate.**

• May 2 Sustainable Communities Caucus (Alan)

- Not very relevant to CPX. They were denied a LivableStreets grant which would have helped map a regional path network, which would provide good context for SCP advocacy.