



Friends of the Community Path
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November 8, 2012
Minutes by Jonah Petri

1. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 4th, 7-9 PM at The VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville
2. **Attendees:** Jonah Petri, Lynn Weissman, Heather van Aelst, Todd Van Hoosear, Frank Moore, Alan Moore, Sony Lipson, Meg Kociemba
3. **Question 4 Passed!**
 - This opens up CPA funds to Somerville, which can be used for design or construction There will be 5 required seats and 4 At-large seats on the City's Community Preservation Committee, which may be chosen by the Mayor or the Board of Alders.

Dec 11th, 6-8 pm CPX/GLX Public Design Meeting This is a Big Deal!

Holiday Inn Hotel Somerville, 30 Washington Street, Somerville, MA
<http://www.facebook.com/events/179102065561011/>

- MassDOT and HDR GLX Design team will host the meeting. We should get as much support as possible to show up.
4. **Public Comments at 9/12 MassDOT Bd Meeting, follow-up to MassDOT Board**
 - FCP will submit written follow-up, including discussing the MEPA certificate non-preclusion clause.
 5. **CTPS New Starts Analysis scope: LRTP requirement**
 - State is applying for New Starts funding for GLX
 - Andrew Brennan of MBTA says that the CPX needs to be in the LRTP in order to be part of the New Starts analysis, which to be done over the next year
 - The MPO is developing a new evaluation scheme for bike/ped projects (with MassDOT?)
 6. **10/9 HYM NorthPoint Meeting, Cambridge Planning board approval of Master Plan**
 - Met in-person. Very productive, and they are strongly in support of the CPX and a Fitchburg crossing
 7. **10/9 Sierra Club meeting**
 - Met in-person. They were supportive but it was not clear how they can help.
 8. **11/1 meeting with Rep Toomey.** Very productive, he is strongly in support of the CPX and Grand Junction Trail. He will arrange a meeting with us and Legislative Delegation, and also approach the MBTA about the CPX Fitchburg crossing.

9. Strategic Planning

- Talk again to the Mayor's office
- Other:
 - HYM
 - A Better City
 - Meet with Capuano
 - Legislative Delegation
- Future TIGER grant application, now that we have CPA funding to leverage?
- MetroFutures talk/walk?

10. Upcoming Meetings

- **RTC/MAPC Conference** (sections we should attend)
 - **Tues 12/11** (MAPC 3rd floor conference room)
 - 9:00 – 10:15 RTC meeting with state and regional officials. Can we attend?
 - 10:30 - 12:00 Seminar on National trail development, policy, funding, MAP21
 - 4:00 – 6:00 pm GreenRoutes working session on mapping a regional vision.
 - **Alan will attend**
 - **Wed 12/12 2:30 pm – Somerville Community Path bicycle tour.** Meet in Davis Square. Bike tour will follow the existing path to Cedar St then head east along or close to the proposed alignment to Lechmere and the Grand Junction trail to Cambridge
- **Thursday, 11/15 GLX Design Working Group meeting 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**
 - to introduce the new GLX preliminary engineering (30-70%) design team, as well update the committee on progress on the FTA New Start application and the schedule moving forward. 51 Winthrop Street in Medford. **Alan to attend.**
- **Fall 2012 MAPC Sustainable Communities Consortium Meeting.**
Monday, 11/19, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm
 - Keynote Speaker Stephanie Pollack will officially release the 2012 Sustainable Transportation Report Card and Mayor Curtatone of Somerville will update us on the Transportation Finance Campaign.
 - Participants will split into groups to exchange best practices and ideas on topics such as inclusive planning and expanding access to opportunity in transit oriented development locations. Networking at the end of the meeting. Please register.
 - **Lynn will forward the info to Frank who may attend.**
- **MassDOT Transportation Future Meetings**
 - <http://transportation.blog.state.ma.us/blog/2012/10/massdot-transportation-future-meetings-update.html>
 - **November 27, 2012 6-8 PM**
McGlynn Middle School Auditorium
3002 Mystic Valley Pkwy, Medford, MA 02155
 - **Jonah will attend on 11/27**

- **November 29, 2012 6-8 PM**
Massachusetts Transportation Building, Conference Rooms 1,2,3
10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. 6-8 pm
 - **Frank & Todd will attend on 11/29**

Station Area Planning Events. The Armory <http://www.somervillema.gov/bydesign>

- **Event #2: 11/28/12, 11/29/12 (Wednes, Thurs) Design Charrette All day**
 - The second of three events focused on the future of Gilman Square, Lowell Street, and Ball Square. Come, listen, and participate. Neighbors and other stakeholders should assert their interests early rather than late.
- **Event #3: 1/8/12 (Tues) 6:30 - 8:30 PM: Plan Presentation**
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- **MAPC Metrics Meeting: Friday 11/30. Preparations?**
 - **Lynn will send an email to follow up on metrics status**
- From Ina: The BRA is offering free training sessions about how to access census data. *Please let me know if this is something that you and your networks would be interested in taking part in, and if there is sufficient interest I can try and arrange a workshop for Great Neighborhoods participants.*
 - <http://www.bostonredevelopmentauthoritynews.org/2012/11/01/census-data-training-is-in-demand/>

11. Debrief

- **CPX Walking/Biking Tours – Saturday, 10/20**
- **10/17 Moving Together (GreenDOT) Conference**
 - MPO is developing Bike/ped project evaluation system
 - We got support from allies: STEP, Livable Streets, MAPC
 - Talked with Boston Cyclists Union, got enthusiastic response

12. Cedar to Lowell Update

- Construction bids/timing?
 - No info. **Lynn will ask Sarah/Hayes**
- MaxWell's Green Concerns:
 - Trees on Path? Digging?
 - No progress on these issues. Not clear that we have a way forwards.

13. Accounting/Grants/Donations

- GNI - Not clear what our obligations are to the rest of this grant
- \$100 Cash donations from CPX Tour, \$100 check (needs a Thank You), \$427.97 from old FCP account
- Purchases made? Foldable Easels for tabling (Frank) Hard Drive for FCP materials (Lynn)