# Friends of the Community Path Meeting Minutes Octo

Minutes October 2, 2012

Attendees: Rachel Burckardt, Alan Moore, Lynn Weissman, Rebecca Schrumm, Max Morrow, Cador Price-Jones

Secretary: Rebecca Schrumm

- 1. Next Meeting: Thursday November 8, 7-9 pm, VNA, 259 Lowell St., Somerville
- 2. GLX Design/Fitchburg Crossing issues Inner Belt bridge vs options at former Red Bridge
  - 9/14 HDR Meeting debrief/follow-up
  - Lynn's Public Comments at 9/12 MassDOT Bd Meeting, follow-up letter in-progress to MassDOT from 9/12 Board mtg (Lynn/Alan)
  - CTPS New Starts Analysis scope: Contact, LRTP, bike/ped access, etc. Prepare "white paper" on why CPX should be in the New Starts application and therefore also in CTPS analysis (Alan)
  - Upcoming 10/9 HYM NorthPoint Meeting: 9:00 am. (Lynn/Alan)
  - Upcoming 10/9 Sierra Club meeting 7 pm (Lynn)
  - Jonah will make a good map of Fitchburg crossing with more of Cambridge/Grand Junction/NP for Outreach
  - Ask legislators to amend transportation bond bill with funding for design the Fitchburg crossing (Lynn/Alan)
- 3. Outreach
  - CPX Walking/Biking Tours Saturday, 10/20, Rain date 10-21, 1:30 to 4 pm.
  - Charles River Skatepark project public meetings, Oct. 10, 6-8pm, Boston Public Library, Mezzanine - no one can attend
  - 10/17 Moving Together (GreenDOT) Conference, Boston 8-4 pm shifts by Doodle poll
  - Transportation Learning Series: 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10:00AM until noon (Alan)
  - High Priority Meetings to be set-up, dates TBD:Rep Tim Toomey Election year
    - GreenDOT Catherine Cagle, Tom Evans
    - Legislative Delegation: Sen. Pat Jehlen, Reps. Denise Provost, Sciortino and Toomey
    - Congressman Capuano: Has influence over the New Starts application
    - Governor photo, meet with Aides, ArtBeat
    - 153 SIP Mitigation/GreenDOT Letters, letters for other years
  - Also: Press, Cambridge: Craig Kelley, Cara Seiderman, Bill Deignan, Mayor; Livable Streets; MetroFutures
  - Powerpoint Presentation
  - Lynn will write to Cambridge Reprographics

## 4. Public hearing to comment on the SIP Annual Report (GLX) (Alan)

Thursday, September 18, 2012 Alan and Bill Deignan of the City of Cambridge both mentioned that the unfunded CPX should be considered for mitigation

# 5. Community Preservation Act: Invest in Somerville (and CPX!)

- Website, donation
- Wednesday 8 am meetings Lynn/Alan
- Spread the word to Vote Yes on Question 4
- Phone banking need volunteers!

## 6. Cedar to Lowell Update

- Trees planted on Path or Maxwell's Green property? Digging?
- Budget/Plans/Advertisement for Cedar St.to Lowell St. Bids (Alan)
- MaxGreen Signage/Walls
- Somerville Voices, Patch, Denise and Eileen letters
- Signage to CPX
- After equipment off Path: Stone dust on the Path, traffic tables at Princeton/Vernon Streets (before and after the bridge) to mitigate potential traffic hazards in the area. Both tasks in the covenant - agreed upon by neighborhood, developers, and City.
- 7. Accounting/Grants/Donations, MAPC/GNI
- MAPC MetricsMeeting date November 30
- Budget Update. MAPC, GWS, Meek Foundation contribution received, checks Payments made?
- \$200 Cash donations from ArtBeat to deposit
- Check from old bank FCP account account forthcoming to Rebecca
- Purchases we need to make
  - Foldable Easels for tabling- Can someone buy 2, submit receipts/note to Rebecca?
  - Hard Drive for FCP materials (Lynn will purchase)
- Current Website
  - Online donations Update
  - Check donations to Rebecca's address? Thank you's for online and check donations.

# 7. Upcoming

- Davis Square Streetscapes TBA
- Green Routes mtg (11/1/2012 Livable Streets Alliance office)
- Rails to Trails (national representative) meeting T December 11-12, 2012

## Task list on next page.

### Task List

### **Treasurer Task List:**

- Deposit \$200 cash received from Lynn tonight from 2012 ArtBeat Donations
- Remind Alan to invoice
- Remind Lynn to invoice
- Check to see if Meek foundation \$400 came in
- Check to see if another \$4-5k came in from MAPC
- Follow up about online donations look at emails about Paypal
- Look up paypal, think about thank-you's and tax deductibility of donations. (May need different letters.)

### Rebecca's Other Tasks:

- Ask Frank about easels (2 foldable and intermediate quality. Wind resistant. Rubber feet.) Frank can use our non-profit letter to buy them tax-free.
- Respond to Doodle Poll about Moving Together

### Lynn & Alan's Tasks:

- Contact Rep Toomey after receiving his letter from RJ
- Contact legislative delegation to amend transportation bond bill with funding for design of Fitchburg crossing like Toomey did for Grand Junction Strategy for engaging Toomey: has opposition, has declared support for Grand Junction
- Contact other politicians
- Contact Andrew Brennan about New Starts Analysis

#### Alan's Tasks:

- Email Max about transportation learning series
- Collaborate with Lynn on MassDOT follow-up letter from 9/12 Board Meeting

#### Jonah's Tasks:

• Finish maps for 10/9 NorthPoint Meeting

#### Lynn's Tasks:

- Lynn will be giving Rebecca a check from old FCP Winter Hill Account
- 10/20 Walking/Biking Tour: Do two separate CPX tours
- Ask people on Listserv to take photos during CPX tours 2 photographers (anyone interested)
- Talk to Andrew Brennan at CTPS about GLX New Starts Analysis
- Cambridge Reprographics get Maps reprinted
- Lynn to review/comment on Jonah's draft website