

MINUTES Pedestrian Committee Meeting March 24, 2016

Present: Allison Quach (CDD), Cara Seiderman (CDD), Justin Schreiber (CDD), Matt Nelson (CPD), Bill Dwyer (DPW), Debby Galef, Rose Billeci, Magda McCormack, Joseph Rose, Sean Peirce, Andrea Yoder, Sam Stern

Agenda Review, Minutes

- Minutes were approved...

Projects And Planning

Safe Routes To School – pushing for it because it's healthy, reduces congestion, all that stuff...

- Organized around the 5 E's
- Signed up 2 schools, then three more, then three more...
- Magda asked about private schools involvement in the program as well...They have a big crush of car pick-ups every day. Justin: are thinking about what we might do; maybe create a package of information for them; they are not eligible for public funding
- We are thinking of a sub-committee with bike committee people to address SRTS
 - To produce maps, to add advocacy generally...Bring a different perspective, facilitating with schools that aren't officially affiliated...
 - If they're on the list, then Justin is working with the Principal or Asst. Principal directly...But of course principal/asst principal are busy...
 - Need some sort of Walk/Ride Champions Program – 1 advocate per school maybe?
- Rose is already coordinating this at a school, trying a walking bus maybe....
- YRBS (Youth Risk Behavior Survey) – public health survey, adding question to that about how they get to school...
- Rose asks: What about the scooters – scooter racks? Scooter parking?
- Cara: Set up time for small group to meet, let whole committee know in case they want to join as well...Sean, Rose and Andrea....

June walk

- We need to lock down the route in April or first week of May to have a brochure.
- George from DPW to check on Hubbard Park to Lowell Street cut-through, and St. John's to Longfellow House
- Elizabeth could talk about Lowell Park...
- Hooper Lee Nicholls – Cambridge Historical Society – could we ask somebody there?
- Debby/Magda/Sam/Liza to send points of interest to Cara to help pair with the right people...

PARK(ing) Day

- Coming up in September this year again...
- Location turned out to not be a great location – b/c several tables around us cancelled..

- We need something that is more of a draw...
- Instead! We will volunteer for shifts at the CDD table

Problem Intersection List

- Allison and Cara didn't really get to do anything with it...
- Sean did some categorization...
- Think about logging issues: Can it go into Commonwealth Connect? If not, maybe it can go on our problem intersection/area list...

Vision Zero & Complete Streets

- Adopted unanimously at this recent City Council meeting...
- MassDOT said certain pots of money could only go to cities with a Complete Streets Policy
- Vision Zero helps us reframe some of what we're doing, and look at additional initiatives...
 - Ex: Looking at for hire drivers...
 - City departments will come up with a plan of action to address...
- 17th city in the US to adopt vision zero

Updates

DPW

- Showed the 2 and 5 year plans for the city, FY runs from July to July. So FY 2016 ends on June 30...
- Chapter 90 type projects – paving, sidewalk, drainage, or more extensive street rebuilds...
- Some small stuff and questions about future plans...

Infrastructure Projects

- Nothing else to say here...

Development projects

- MIT is coming back to the planning board, presumably with some changes...
- It would be helpful if somebody come to the planning board to reiterate our feedback...
 - They are likely proposing – in mitigation – work on the crossing of memorial drive at Ames Street and at Wadsworth Street...Caveat DCR...
 - Individual comments if they go back to the planning board before our next meeting, otherwise, we can work on official committee comments at our next committee meeting...

Envision Cambridge Meetings

- Happening with the 3-D large-scale city map...
- Taking it around to different areas...
- Open-houses for people to give their feedback
- We should all try to go – and encourage others to go

Announcements+ Planning For future meetings

Other Stuff

- Police – traffic/enforcement people are coming...May or June?

- 5-year street and sidewalk plan review next month...DPW to present
- Larger, other proposed areas to get a look at
- Overlay problem intersections from our list onto FY17, FY18, FY19, FY20 planned construction...
 - Ex. Dudley street from Mass Ave. to Russel Field...
 - Have Liza graphically overlay the problem intersections from our list
 - Magda says: Let's look at planned construction and identify any additional problem intersections...
 - 1) Crosswalks, Shared Streets (Yes/No), access ramps – include these as options for describing the street...
 - Shout out to AARP! They support walkable communities, good on the issues...

Summer Walk

- Alewife area for a committee walk
- Doug Brown for the development planning in the quadrangle
- Atmark building manager to speak (Terrie Hayden – Sam's realtor – can connect us)
- Stop at Loading Dock (Blanchard Road)?
- Maybe two walks one in the quadrangle, one in the triangle
- Or one down near the Eliot Bridge reconfigure, Mt. Auburn / Fresh Pond Parkway redesign...
 - Stop at Sofra!