

# Pedestrian Committee meeting – January 26, 2017

## MINUTES

Present: Liza Cohen, Jodie Cohen-Tanugi, Debby Galef, Magda McCormick, Sean Peirce, Joseph Rose, Sam Stern, Andrea Yoder; Staff: Dana Benjamin (TP&T), Brian McLane (DPW), Matt Nelson (Police), Cara Seiderman (CDD)

Stacey King – commuter choice office at Harvard joined this time...

- I. Agenda review, minutes
  - a. November Minutes approved
- II. Infrastructure projects
  - a. Inman Sq: 3 committee meeting (transit, bike, ped) to talk Inman square
    - i. Feb 13 for the tri-committee meeting (Monday), have it quickly, so the committees have real inputs, not just perfunctory / after-the-fact...
    - ii. 3 options for the redesign – including a peanut-shaped roundabout...
    - iii. Inman Square Plans are available on this site (see Documents)  
<http://www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks/CityProjects/detail.aspx?path=%2fsitecontent%2fhome%2ftheworks%2fcityprojects%2f2016%2finmansquare>
    - iv. Survey to send out...  
<http://www.cambridgema.gov/TheWorks/CityProjects/~/link.aspx?id=D473CF7C85E742A7917C873C98AED109&z=z>
  - b. Huron Ave / Concord Ave / Garden Ave – all done this year...
  - c. Chapter 90 projects –
    - i. Lawn Street complete street project
  - d. Separated bike lanes going reasonably well (so far)
    - i. 5 holder snow removal thingies – first time this year that they were on routes...
    - ii. Chevy Colorado with a six-foot blade to do the bike lanes...
    - iii. Cambridge Street – between Harvard Sq and Hampshire Street will be next, as will
    - iv. Mass Ave between Putnam Ave and Bow Street...
    - v. Planning on the data collection needed (counts, surveys, etc.) ...
    - vi. Kirkland/Cambridge/Broadway idea from Liza – count cyclists there to see whether routes have shifted
    - vii. Sam suggests a minimum network like the Canadian cities have done...
- III. Signal policies
  - a. There had been a citizen complaint about a change that was made at Shepard and Mass Ave.
  - b. Signal Policy is that pedestrians concurrent most of the time, often with LPI (Leading Pedestrian Interval)...exceptions though
    - i. Lakeview & Huron (some requests for changing this)
    - ii. Garden and Linnaean – is this a location where people should have to push a button for a walk signal?

- iii. Putnam & Pearl went from signal to stop sign...Matt said police got a lot of blown stop sign calls on this one...
- IV. Police updates –
  - a. Women self-defense courses coming up, <http://www.cambridgema.gov/cpd/communityresources/selfdefensetraining>
  - b. Police officer recruitment – test in March
  - c. Auxiliary police officers – volunteers, etc.
  - d. 25 mph? You have to clock a car going over speed limit for ¼ mile to do enforcement ...So hard to get people on this in Cambridge where there are not many stretches that long between signals
    - i. Proposal for DCR roads to match the city that they're in – so could get Memorial Drive and Alewife Brook Parkway, could be down to 25...
    - ii. Bike lane bill signed by governor this month: fine is now \$50 for parking in a bike lane throughout the state
  - e. Vision Zero – Sean is our representative to the VZ committee...
- V. Development project reviews...
  - a. Struggling to keep up with the volume of projects to comment on...
  - b. Liza proposed that we swap off who is reviewing what each month, so that we are sort of bringing a point of view on what a big project is and looks like, and can point the rest of the committee members to the relevant sections of a development proposal...
  - c. Cara will send out some of the proposals and ask for volunteers to review some of the proposals...
- VI. Committee work
  - a. Liza's idea: "Best improvement of the year award" – collecting ideas throughout the year...
    - i. Categories – best development, best improvement
    - ii. Private sector –
    - iii. "The Peddies"
    - iv. Add this as a standing agenda item and we'll capture them in the minutes...
  - b. Publishing "Getting Around Cambridge" magazine – universities might participate a bit too...inspired by Bike Life magazine from Boulder that has spread to other cities. Ours better b/c it's multi-modal...anticipated to be out by May 1<sup>st</sup>...
    - i. Annual magazine, we hope...
    - ii. Could publicize the "Peddies"
  - c. The walk? Alewife – June 10/11 seems about right... [*Update: confirmed with Jen L. that June 10 is good*]
    - i. North Cambridge, that's more interesting?
    - ii. Let's come up with a few different routes...
    - iii. Alewife sounds like it is the place...
    - iv. Stacey, Jodie, Debby...Liza...Find a Friday afternoon to walk it...
    - v. Committee walks – Volpe...Harvard or something?
      - 1. East Cambridge might be something...And connect it to the Volpe center...
      - 2. July – let's do it...