

Cambridge Pedestrian Committee  
Draft Notes  
January 26, 2023

Present: Robin Bonner, Sandy Goldberg, Debby Galef, Sean Peirce, Liza Paden, Brooke Williams, Amy Flax (bike committee)  
Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Suzannah Bigolin (CDD), Erik Thorkildsen (CDD)  
Visitors: Nahid Chowdhury

The group reviewed the agenda and introduced themselves.

### **Urban Design Guidelines**

Suzannah Bigolin and Erik Thorkildsen from the Urban Design division of CDD reviewed the [Citywide Urban Design Guidelines](#) process and posed questions ideas to the Committee to solicit their input.

Comments and questions:

- Q: Why do these guidelines now? A: this has been a long-standing desire, as there are guidelines incorporated in various city documents and policies, but it is disjointed and not necessarily coordinated
- Sidewalk quality: what does this mean
  - Smooth unbroken pavement surface, in good shape, level, drainage works
- Key qualities: safety and comfort
- No garages at street level
- Greenery
- Comment: what interests me might not interest someone else. Stores are not the only thing of interest – why is that they only thing mentioned?
- What about impacts of traffic?
- How can wayfinding be integrated into how places are designed?
  - Spaces should feel friendly and welcoming – well designed as such may help people along in their journey, spaces speaks to them
- Nighttime lighting is essential
- Important to consider multimodal connections (e.g., to buses)

### **Project Updates**

City Projects

TP&T Updates – Brattle Street Phase 2 public meeting is on January 31.

DPW Updates – projects undergoing construction or scheduled for upcoming construction were reviewed

Development Projects

Lechmere Canal Park is on the Planning Board Agenda for January 31; joint committee letter has been sent to the Planning Board

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Other Updates and Announcements**

Review of upcoming meeting dates