

Pedestrian Committee

June 2024

Abbreviated meeting summary

Attendance

Members

Present (15) Sandy Goldberg (Chair), Robin Bonner (Vice Chair), Debby Galef, Jeannine Powers, Sean Peirce, Jesus Armenta, Xander Mitchell, David de Chaves, Maryann Quinn, Janet Stein, Kevin Leckey, Bernhard nickel, Alexandra Hallowell, Thomas Marsh, Evan Killion

Absent (4) *Jenine Turner-Trauring, Logan Read, Michael McGowan, John Leo*

City staff

Andrew Reker (CDD), Melisa Miguel (DPW)

Others

None

Welcome and Introduction

The meeting began and members of the Pedestrian Committee were welcomed. Roll call was taken. Then, minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Brainstorming Session

Andy Reker (AR) went over the purpose, outcome, and process for the brainstorming session, as described on the relevant slide. Then, the present committee members went through the brainstorming session and collected ideas in an Excel document (attached).

The committee reviewed the rules for when discussions and materials can be shared over email. The limit is being below 9 people, so that it's not a quorum. Otherwise, the committee will run afoul of open meetings law.

Questions

There was a question about a joint meeting of the pedestrian, bicycle, and transit advisory committees.

There was another question about what Eversource is doing about gas lines, specifically where they are working and when. The question was answered, explaining that Eversource has a five-year plan. Cambridge DPW coordinates with Eversource so that Eversource can work before Cambridge. Information is available in Cambridge, and the city gets the flyer at least 2 weeks prior. It was said that it is surprising that the information is not more widely available and Melissa Miguel will follow up.

Public Comment

There was a public comment about there being 70-second delays for bus passengers in the Mass Ave Partial Construction project. The committee discussed whether that was an important number and said yes, if analyzed as a per-person basis, because the 70 seconds is multiplied by the number of passengers. The committee discussed that this is a separate issue about bus reliability.

Andy concluded the meeting.

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