

Open Data Review Board

COMMITTEE MEETING

~AGENDA~

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

5:30PM

Ackermann Room (& Zoom)

Call of the Meeting

The Open Data Review Board (ODRB) advises the City Manager on rules and standards for implementation of an Open Data policy, including a means by which to determine the data or datasets that are appropriate for public accessibility and a timeline for policy implementation. During this meeting, the ODRB will discuss how Cambridge might use open data to further the City's strategic initiatives.

Welcome & Progress Report on Open Data in Cambridge

- Brief update on developments in the Open Data Program (ODP) since November meeting.
 - New and pending datasets
 - Report on Reinhard's meeting with the City Manager
 - PDDL approval and rollout
 - Open Data Newsletter Launch in March
 - Open Data Portal Homepage status
 - What Works Cities status

Discussion Topics

- **Metrics for the Open Data Program:** what should they be?
 - Status quo: total number of datasets. Not really the greatest metric.
 - Quantity: number of datasets, total size
 - Usage: downloads, views, user generated assets
 - Completeness
 - "The denominator." What % are we getting vs. what do we have?
 - Data inventories. How useful? How old? Time for another one? How painful? Review of past experiences.
 - Gap analysis compared with other open data portals: underrepresented or absent functions or departments
 - Quality. Some rough and ready measures:
 - Stale datasets%
 - Historical%
 - Licensed%
 - Other criteria?
 - Tools & Reports
 - Best practices
- **Speakers, Presentations & Public Programs**
 - ODRB guest speakers: now that we've had several meetings with just the board, might be good to start this up again.
 - Academe/Research
 - Differential Privacy Tools (Harvard)
 - Open Data Managers / Professionals from other cities / state / federal

- ODSC East 2024 Conference in April (will be good for presenter leads)
- Speaker pipeline: Internal CDAG group, ODRB, Horizons (or other) lecture series at library
- Public Lectures & Workshops
 - Horizons speaker series at CPL Lecture Hall
 - Hands-on in the CPL Learning Lab

Open Discussion

- All

Public Comment

Adjournment

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~PROGRESS REPORT~

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Metrics

- 379 data assets: ↓ 1 since last ODRB meeting
- Top Datasets for Past 12 Months: salaries, crime reports, daily crash log, building energy and water use

Recently Created High Value Data Assets

- [Gas Permits](#) (ISD)
- [Electrical Permits](#) (ISD)
- [Curb Cut Permits](#) (ISD)
- [Park Permit Details, Past Events](#) (DPW)
- [Park Permits, Future Events](#) (DPW)

Upcoming High Priority Datasets

- CPD: Cambridge Police Daily Log
- DPW : Waste reduction (Trash, Recycling, Compost)
- ISD: Certificate of Inspection, Certificate of Occupancy, Cottage Food Operation Permit, Electrical Maintenance Agreement