

Pedestrian Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2009

Members in attendance:

Debby Galef, Robin Finnegan, Rona Gregory, Peter Koff, Larry Parnell, Sean Pierce, Helen Rose (scribe), Joseph Rose, Amanda Trombley (chair), Neil Van Dyke, Megan Weintraub

City staff in attendance:

Rosalie Anders, Jeff Parenti, Cara Seiderman

No changes to April minutes.

Agenda:

Report on Golden Shoes

Traffic Signal Policies, Issues, & Implementation

Break

Planning walks & other CitySmart events

Committee summer plans

Other business

**Golden Shoes:** winners seemed very happy. They have until the middle of June to pick up the prizes. Stephanie is tracking. There is good turnover this year. Chairperson Trombley asked if we can get photos of people picking up their prizes (it's not too late to do that). Anyone else who has photos should send them to Committee Member Linthicum by email.

Chairperson Trombley says we should make sure to send out a thank you to the sponsors.

Neil & Robin got lots & lots of sponsors. This was our best year yet!

**Traffic Signal Policies:** City Councillor Larry Ward was due to attend our meeting. He wanted to learn about signal policy and implementation in the city. City staff Anders sent him an invitation and reminder, but Councillor Ward did not attend.

City Traffic Engineer Parenti distributed a brochure on Pedestrian Signals in Cambridge and a handout of what he planned to discuss. He described how his department is contributing to cost reduction in the city through installation of LED bulbs in traffic signals.

Parenti gave a very thorough description of Exclusive vs Concurrent Pedestrian signals including Cambridge's implementation of Leading Pedestrian Intervals. He encouraged members to get in touch with him directly if they had any specific questions at [jparenti@cambridgema.gov](mailto:jparenti@cambridgema.gov).

**CitySmart:** City Staff Seiderman brought samples of newsletters and giveaways for those in the targeted Cambridgeport neighborhood. The first CitySmart event was scheduled for June 6. Committee members Galef, Parnell, and Rose agreed to volunteer.

Committee member Greene had confirmed by email for September 12 for his sound walk, but the time and meeting place is yet to be determined.

Committee members Finnegan and Parnell agreed to discuss plans for a possible Scavenger Hunt for CitySmart. They will decide if it will be on one specific date or ongoing during the whole CitySmart period.

City Staff Seiderman expressed concern that there should be more walking events and would appreciate Pedestrian Committee suggestions for events for the CitySmart period. She needs final answers by June 3. The following people agreed to get in touch:

Van Dyke & Trombley: photo walk

H. Rose: Safety Walk with the Cambridge Police

Pierce: MFA walk or perhaps catch bus.

Committee Chair Trombley encouraged those who want to help but don't have a role to get in touch with her or City Staff Seiderman.

**Other Business:** City Staff Seiderman announced that Memorial Drive phase 2 had been funded with stimulus dollars, which will result in a good amount of pedestrian enhancements. How this will interface with the upcoming BU Bridge renovation remains to be seen.

**Committee summer plans:** Committee Chair Trombley described our typical summer walks that end with a pot luck. Those who have ideas should bring them to the June meeting. Committee member H. Rose volunteered a walk along the Grand Junction on the MIT Campus for either July or August.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday June 25, 2009 6:00 p.m. City Hall Annex