

Pedestrian Committee 2010-12-16

In attendance: Brian Culver, Robin Finnegan, Debby Galef, Alan Greene, Pete Kane, David Loutzenheiser, Sean Pierce, Helen Rose, Andrea Yoder

City staff: Rosalie Anders, Cara Seiderman

Visitors: Elly Machek, Sarah Freedman, Varin Mehta

Agenda:

Introductions, agenda review

Announcements and updates

Potluck

Next meeting January 28

Fifth and Gore: city is close to completion; looks nice. Member Greene thought it would be a raised intersection but it's not. City staff Seiderman suggests calling Bill Dwyer at DPW.

Member Helen Rose brought up the Memorial Drive and Longfellow bridge intersection change. State was supposed to make this change after Craigie Bridge. Can also directly contact Stephanie Boundy at MassDOT. stephanie.boundy@state.ma.us

Leverett Circle pedestrian bridge. State has committed to study this and release a report by June. Particular concern about access from Science Park station to museum. Not a full bridge design, just basic bridge design.

City staff Anders brought up the Magazine street footbridge across Memorial Drive. Construction continues.

Upcoming projects: recent meeting to kick off sewer project in west Cambridge (Concord and Huron avenues). Will kick off next year.

Possible project: Faces site on route 2. Developer has new proposal that will go to the Planning board in January.

Fawcett street proposal for housing. Developer has new proposal.

Member Yoder went to Central Square vision meeting. Woman at meeting brought up crossing at Mass Ave and Prospect. She wondered why the intersection was concurrent and not exclusive. City staff Anders reminded people that there are other ways to cross that intersection (e.g. Essex Street on the southeast side, which is also signalized, but also unsignalized crossings near Temple Street on the northwest side and Pearl Street on the southeast side).

Member Galef said Everett/Chelsea at Mass Ave: signal is now concurrent, an

improvement over exclusive.

Future study for looking at Mass Ave between Harvard and Porter. What is the street scape like and what do we want to see?

Next meeting: Thursday January 27 2010, 6:00-8:00p.m. in City Hall Annex