

Cambridge Pedestrian Committee  
Meeting Notes March 26, 2009

**Agenda**

Introductions, Review of Minutes  
CitySmart  
Brief Updates: Golden Shoes, Snow Wrap-Up  
Review of Subcommittee Scopes

City Staff members Anders and Seiderman gave a brief overview of the CitySmart project, which will run from May through October of 2009. Residents of the targeted neighborhood (Cambridgeport) will receive mailings from the city and have an opportunity to ask for additional information on transport that does not involve driving.

Staff members asked for each committee member participate in an event or effort connected with CitySmart. The following members volunteered to organize or lead activities:

Alan Greene: a walk based on sounds

Robin Finnegan: geocaching or scavenger hunt

Debby: Coordinate a walk with Cambridge Discovery Days

Neil Van Dyke: walk with cameras

Alexander Linthicum: sample based music with stop-motion videos

Larry Parnell: "Porter to Port Connection", taking people from Porter Square to Cambridgeport. Art Council in Cambridgeport. Will also think about kids games.

Sean Pierce: walk from Dana Park to a T stop, perhaps over the BU Bridge, and with a kid. Walk somewhere and take T back.

Eran Segev: walkjogrun website.

Ben Rasmussen: tree well cleanup, perhaps with mulching.

Brian Culver: will talk to friends of Cambridge Public Library about their Secret Gardens tour.

Eran Segev: a "walk of shame" with the police, talking about what is/isn't permissible, e.g. incorrect parking, chaining bicycles to inopportune items, etc.

Helen Rose: will talk to Sergeant Murphy about leading a safety walk, including wearing visible clothing.

Thayer Donham: She just finished a PDF map of public art and building architecture around MIT.

Amanda Trombley: Compile list of walks.

The committee will pursue these ideas further. City staff member Seiderman announced that staff member Anderberg will bring golden shoes to April's meeting.

City DPW staff member Dwyer brought a schedule of upcoming construction. He also said that the city issued 1854 snow citations this past year. DPW does not have a policy on flagrant violators; many of the worst offenders are homeowners who don't live on the property. The city has gone out to some businesses to educate owners.

**Subcommittees:**

**Community Outreach:** Golden Shoes; staffing tables at city events (Harvard Square festival, River fest); collecting published walks and put them in central repository.

**Streetscape:** review plans for upcoming projects, making recommendations for pedestrian experience. Tree wells. Improving the walking environment.

**Pedestrian-Vehicle Interaction Subcommittee:** traffic signal timing, conflicts with turns, marked crosswalks. Has list of locations in the city that need attention (e.g. poor crosswalk timing) and works with city staff members (typically Jeff Parenti) to address those issues.

City staff member Anders asked if the committee wants to consider how the subcommittees are configured.

The representative from the One Kendall Square development project was unable to attend the meeting, so discussion of the Grand Junction was postponed.