

# Pedestrian Committee Meeting

## May 25, 2017

### MINUTES

Present: Liza Cohen, Magda McCormick, Helen Rose, Sam Stern, Cara Seiderman (CDD), Greg Hanafin (CDD), Brian McLane (DPW), Matt Nelson (Police)

### Agenda Review, Minutes

- Minutes approved (Sam), seconded (Liza) done...
  - Minutes shall be posted...

### Pedestrian Committee Work (Walk)

- Challenge with the DPW walk that conflicts on date of June 10
- But reschedule to September doesn't seem to be working
- Walk lacks ownership, and so there isn't one person to speak for the group...
- To-Do – discussion of whether the walk is a core part of what the group does...
- Catherine Daly Woodbury is there on June 10 to speak...She's the best person to speak about the wetlands...
- Liza: Walk should be more of a walk...Less of a talk. DPW thing is definitely going to be more of a talk
- Doug Brown – he will still talk, at 11 (?) ...So we do an hour or so, and keep it brief, and piggy back on the DPW walk...
- Catherine do short and sweet thing with us first; we'll meet at T at 9:30, then head to wetlands for her talk for 15 minutes before her official talk starts, and then we break off when her official thing starts at 10
- To-Do
  - 1) Plan A: Start at 9:30 and go to Wetlands if Catherine is available (**UPDATE: Catherine IS available for a 9:45 AM brief talk**)
  - 2) Plan B: Start at 9:30 if Catherine is not available...With just Doug
- Whole Foods? \$50 of stuff...Liza to buy and pick up and bring...Thanks!
  - Need to add WF logo to the brochure...
- Can we add the map to the website?
  - Add distance to it as well...
  - New route: start at T, walk up path to wetlands, cross through to Discovery park and come back to T, then go over to Acorn Park Drive and finish over there...

### Improvement of the year / project of the year?

- Let's support the concurrent intersection change at Wendell/Shepard/Mass Ave. We like it, we support it...
- New Street

- Fern Street & Field Street & Bay State Road
- August 24, we could do a summer walk around the Danehy Park project stuff....
- Tokyo restaurant is going to become a used car dealership... ?
- Mass & Cedar bike crossing? Direct cross of Mass Ave diagonally as an extension of north section of the path...
- Let's decide at June meeting
- Volpe walk in July 27
- To-Do For June meeting: Let's confirm summer walk plan, lock down Volpe details, and pick a spot for August (Danahy/Tobin school under consideration)

## Infrastructure Project Reviews

- Brian McLane presented construction project guidelines for pedestrians – keep pedestrian and bike access open whenever possible
- Contractors take bike and pedestrian point of view when creating barriers/boundaries around sites

## Development Project Reviews

- 55 Wheeler Street – can't find new graphics...
- EF Education – third building
  - June 6 before the planning committee
  - Community meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>...
- Northpoint – lots of stuff is happening, shopping area, trying to create a big draw for people...
- Matt / police – Central Square is really struggling, Homeless populations are going up with shelters closing, lots of Opioid stuff...