

Pedestrian Committee Meeting September 28, 2017

- 1) Introductions, agenda review, minutes
 - a. City manager has appointed/reappointed the committee
 - b. Attending: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Fatima Akter (new, CRLS), Johanna Pittman (new), Emily Holzman (new), Dana Benjamin (TP&T), Sam Stern, Magda McCormack, Debby Galef, Sean Pierce, Greg Hanafin (CDD), Helen Rose, Olivia Turner (new), Samuel Almon (new), Steven Gniazdowski (new), Andrea Marquardt Duchesneau (new), Joe Rose, Helina Mekonnen (new, CRLS)
 - i. More of the high schoolers are biking to school, and so requesting more bike parking now...
- 2) Pedestrian Committee Work
 - a. Fatima worked for CDD this summer, and did outreach, mostly cyclists read the Street Code...
 - i. CRLS / EF collaboration each year, one big question, and high schoolers compete to answer the question in collaborative groups...Make a project to deal with the question...
 1. Last year: How to reduce food waste?
 2. This year: This year, the challenge is to “use technology to enhance the sustainable transportation system in Cambridge.”
 - b. To get the “Walk” project of the year in the next “Getting Around Cambridge” publication, we have to pick the project by roughly the end of the year, and write it up in January/February
 - i. To-Do (All Committee) – brainstorm projects, discuss at October meeting...
 - c. Joe Barr & Cara were interviewed about leading pedestrian intervals...(Robin Washington, WGBH)
 - d. Creating sub-committee or working groups:
 - i. The Walkies – Project of the year
 - ii. Annual walk – route, promotion, etc. (Map of the planned walk)
 - iii. Relevant meetings in the community (Example given: Fresh Pond Parkway & Mt. Auburn redesign)
 - iv. Pedestrian Improvement Map & Spreadsheet
 1. Need to give everyone access to that...
 - v. Vision Zero committee & other committees (Cambridge Envision committees, Transit Committee, Bike Committee, Disability committee)
 - vi. PARK(ing) Day Spot...
 - vii. New ideas from new committee members...
- 3) Infrastructure Project Updates
 - a. Gore Street redo...Connected to Northpoint mitigation...
 - b. Three East Cambridge parks...
 - c. North Mass Ave has bike lanes, part of Participatory Budgeting

- d. We need to stand up for Bike + Transit + Ped projects, Win/Win/Win, and advocate for each other...
 - e. Signals 101 at a future meeting
 - f. Huron & Reservoir / Huron & Lakeview, need to wait for construction to be done and management reverts back to city (currently under contractor control)...
 - g. Fayerweather & Brattle will be concurrent now (Hooray!)
 - h. Question about guidelines for construction projects making alternative arrangements?
 - i. Essex street – no accessible route provided, similar for Broadway and Galileo and new Akamai building
 - 1. 35 Cambridge Park Drive is also similar...
 - i. Use SeeClickFix (app), or URL for the City website...<https://en.seeclickfix.com/>
 - i. <https://seeclickfix.com/cambridge>
- 4) Development projects
- a. Wheeler Street – raised crosswalk mid-block crossing right to the back of the loading dock area...
 - i. Start taking pictures of Wheeler street...
 - ii. What is Alewife Envision Committee doing? Sam to summarize...
 - b. Northpoint – showing the master plan for the areas, Brian Murphy staircase...
 - i. Buildings G&H – better connection from them over to the EF campus...
 - ii. Committee should make a comment on the pedestrian access, and the projects...
 - iii. “The committee would like to see better pedestrian connections between Northpoint Buildings G&H, and the EF Education campus...
 - 1. Pedestrian routes are hard in the area...
 - 2. Cara offered to do a walk with interested committees members at Northpoint...EF is having a ground-breaking ceremony on Monday the 2nd for their new building...(10:45 – 12:30)
 - 3. Helina mentioned the challenges of kids getting to schools, getting around roads, especially outside of school zones...Could be a good topic to touch on at the public walk – how do kids get around in certain neighborhoods...
 - c. Volpe site – announcements for opportunities to talk about the overall site plan, urban design guidelines... **Volpe – Review of [Draft Design Guidelines](#). NB: this will be discussed at the [Planning Board at their meeting on October 10](#).** For all the documents related to Volpe: <http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/zoninganddevelopment/Zoning/Amendments>
- 5) Vision Zero update from Sean
- a. He is the ped comm liaison...
 - i. Inman square is a hot spot, and they’re already planning a redesign
 - ii. City staff have a vision zero working group as well...