Cambridge Pedestrian Committee DRAFT MINUTES July 25, 2019

#### Attendance

Committee Members: Debby Galef, Magda McCormick, Sean Pierce, Helen Rose, Olivia Turner

<u>Staff</u>: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Greg Hanafin (CDD), Dana Benjamin (TP&T) <u>Guests</u>: Elka Kuhlman, Robin Bonner, Theresa Tobin, Jenine Turner-Trauring

#### Introductions, Agenda Review, Minutes

No minutes to approve from June meeting, as it was a walk.

Announcement of new member appointments may be delayed due to an extremely limited (yet busy) summer council meeting

### **Project Updates**

DPW: Brian was not in attendance. Cara showed the DPW website with construction projects.

TP&T: Dana will include updates in her presentation.

River Street: The most recent meeting was mostly focused on design tools. They will not get into the actual design until September. Construction now may not start until Fall 2020 (was originally Spring 2020). Olivia is the representative from the pedestrian committee to the River Street working group. Carl Barron plaza design charettes being held Saturday 9/14 and Tuesday 9/17. River Street project is biggest, most important project going on right now. There will be a joint pedestrian/bike/transit committee meeting to discuss the project in more depth.

Grand Junction: Process is still very much in early, informational stages. No specific proposals yet. Public meeting later this fall.

Inner Mount Auburn Street: Further meetings in the fall. Still some technical analysis going on. No proposal yet. Very complex street with many uses.

DCR Memorial Drive Phase III: Recap from June walk. More meetings to come. Greg collected comments from the walk. Walk from Weld Boathouse west to Hawthorn, then back towards the BU Bridge. Magda went to the public meeting before the walk, where the DCR discussed the road diet along just a portion of Memorial Drive. Comments due to DCR by 7/25 (tonight). City has asked DCR for further detailed traffic analysis, especially at the BU Bridge Rotary. Opinions in the community vary from no road diet to a road diet for the whole length of the project. Unclear how (if at all) the Memorial Drive project will be coordinated with the Gerry's Landing project. Walk was very well attended, and the city staff were engaged with the participants.

Locations for additional Memorial Drive crossings: Sparks Street. Flagg street (listed in the notes).

**Signals (TP&T)** - Dana Benjamin. Presentation with discussion.

# **Pedestrian Committee Planning**

Next meeting: August 22 (five Thursdays in August). Either have a walking meeting (likely River Street) OR not meet. Bike Committee might want to do a walk for their August meeting (Pedestrian Committee members would be invited). Consensus is not to meet. Suggest people interested in River Street attend Carl Barron charrette (details above).

## **Other Announcements**

Orientation meeting for new members: sometime in September.