

CAMBRIDGE PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE NOTES

October 27, 2011

Committee members in attendance: Helen Rose (chair), Mark Robinson, Sara Freeman, Robin Finnegan, Sean Peirce, Elizabeth Bierer, Jeanne Cronin, Pete Kane, Joseph Rose

CITY STAFF: Rosalie Anders, Juan Avendano, Bill Dwyer, Cara Seiderman,

AGENDA:

Minutes & Agenda Review

II. Traffic Calming: What is it and projects in Cambridge

Juan Avendano, Traffic Calming Project Manager, will present and answer questions.

III. Projects

- A. Kendall Square Project
- B. Promoting walking to businesses – a new idea
- C. Green Line Extension

IV. Updates, Projects, Announcements

- A. Reports from the „hood: Committee members share things of interest to walking, etc. that are going on in their neighborhoods
- B. Construction updates
- C. Development Projects
- D. Police Report
- E. Other

V. Planning for Upcoming Meetings

JUAN AVENDANO: Presentation on traffic calming in the city

Juan told us about the various tools used to calm traffic (raised crossings, raised intersections, chicanes, etc.) and the process of design, community involvement, and construction. The possibility of painting “zebra” pedestrian crossing lines on raised intersections was suggested by members of the committee and Juan said there are plans in place to do this to existing and future raised intersections (there are also several in the city that have this design currently). Helen mentioned that

another form of traffic calming is street parking. Juan reviewed the process of developing plans for the intersection of Scott and Irving Streets as an example of how traffic calming plans are developed and also showed us the plans for the Waterhouse St. project.

BILL DWYER: Update on current and future construction projects

When roads are re-paved, the last thing to be done is the actual paving (grinding, drainage, etc. done first).

The city will be expanding their clearing bus stops of snow within 72 hours of snowfall this winter.

The deadline is at hand for restaurants that serve liquor to renew their sidewalk seating licenses. Email Bill with any issues you may have with particular locations. (wdwyer@cambridgema.gov).

KENDALL SQUARE PROJECT

Two meetings scheduled in November (10th and 17th) for the Kendall Square Advisory Committee.

Discussion of promoting the idea of Main Street between Ames Street and Broadway (to Point Park), to become a “shared space environment.” Motor vehicles are a secondary in this scenario to pedestrians

PROMOTING WALKING TO CITY BUSINESSES

The Minneapolis Bike Coalition started a program that when you enter a business that you ride your bike to, you give the business a card that states “I arrived by bike” to increase greater awareness of the importance of non-motorized transportation to local businesses. We could do something similar in Cambridge for either pedestrians or all green transportation users. Maybe something could be done, or launched, around Go Green month. People agreed that we should think about Go Green month soon.

SEGWAYS

Should the committee have a position? Will discuss at a later meeting.

OTHER

Rosalie will encourage Sgt. Murphy to attend the November meeting. It is time to recruit new committee members; anyone with ideas about potential members should approach them now.