

# Cambridge Pedestrian Committee Meeting

## Notes – 2-25-16

Present: Helen Rose, Debby Galef, Magda McCormick, Jodie Cohen-Tanugi, Sean Peirce, Liza Cohen, Elizabeth Bierer; Dana Benjamin (TP&T), Jen Lawrence (CDD), Allison Quach (CDD), Cara Seiderman (CDD)

### I. Agenda review, minutes

- Approved minutes from last time (two typos noted & corrected)

### II. Projects And Planning

- June walk – Saturday, June 11 is confirmed...
  - Talked about the Alewife walk – “Exploring The Unexplored Areas Of Cambridge”
    - Inspired by EF Education from last year – reach out to Atmark or another local building...
    - Debbie – you can walk down bike path out of Alewife, or along Cambridge Park Drive – get to the end, go left on Brighton, left again, and get to Blair pond, hidden path there to the pond, some research...
    - Look at proposed bridge, w/ landing spots near bend in Fawcett Street... on that side
    - Could stop at Iggy’s, could stop at The Loading Dock (which is technically in Belmont)
    - Also, wanted to get to the Danehy park entrance at the back of the Fresh Pond Mall
    - Doug Brown offered to give us a tour of the Quadrangle, talk about development potential....
    - Alewife is “early action” area for Envision Cambridge (Citywide Plan)
  - Harvard Sq, aka “Hidden Passageways” – lots of secret stuff to check out
    - Circuitous route starting from the Common, checking out new public toilet, winding our way through back routes towards Fresh Pond Parkway, look at the changes
    - Longfellow road – shared street off of Mt. Auburn, Lowell park as well...
    - Passageway by A.R.T., pedestrian walkway by Hubbard park...
    - To-Do: Figure out if they are publicly accessible for the public walk, or not...Hubbard Park is a concern...
    - Agreed that the Harvard one is better for the public, and the Alewife one is better as a Committee meeting venue...could have it as a summer walk and even advertise more widely.
    - The Harvard one likely has more appeal to the public...

- Jodie suggested (and all agreed) that it would be a good idea to have a mileage, or mile markers...
  - Next step: Send map to Brendan, the map person, Jen Lawrence to set that up...Make changes to route + put it in GIS to get mileage markers...
    - Walk team subcommittee to schedule the meeting...
- Problem Intersection Areas...
  - Agreed to spend another month reviewing the list, and updating with any new intersections that are not included
  - Added columns for high-level coding of type of solution, and which department owns it...
  - Sean to do the high-level coding of solution type...

### III. Updates

- DPW – went through list of construction in 5 year plan
- Development projects – 95 Fawcett Street, and 95 Elmwood Street (right next to bike path in Davis, and Davis square lofts)
- Talked about Greenough path completion, and Lowell Park study and work
- Vision Zero discussion – thinking about how to do that in Cambridge, and there's a WalkBoston Annual Meeting on March 22, with a focus on VisionZero
- Ended with a brief discussion of the pedestrian who was, tragically, hit and killed in the crosswalk at Somerville Ave & White Street.

### IV. Next Meetings

Tentatively: March – SRTS; April -- DPW/5-year Plan; May -- Police/Enforcement