April Pedestrian Meeting 4-28-16

1. Agenda Review, Minutes
   - Previous minutes were approved...
   - Attending: Debby Galef, Sean Pierce, Helen Rose, Magda McCormick, Elizabeth Bierer, Jodie Cohen-Tanugi, Sam Stern, Liza Cohen, Cara Seiderman (CDD), Matt Nelson (CPD)
   - Guests: City Councillor Jan Devereux, Marie Macchiarolo (CDD), Allison Quach (CDD), Jim Wilcox (DPW)

II. DPW 5-year streets and sidewalk plan
   - Complete streets approach – use of the street by everyone, people walking, people biking, people using transit, people driving, disabilities...
   - 15 years ago – city wasn’t looking at ped and cyclist facilities as much, but that has shifted...
   - Review the entire city for need every three years (1/3 each year). Analysis of whether a street is deteriorating and needs to be prioritized
   - 50% of Cambridge streets in high priority areas, near T stations, bus stops, parks, schools, senior centers
     - 20% of money held for rest of 50% of sidewalks...
   - City has its own scoring for sidewalks and pavement – with scoring...
   - Track pedestrian crossing ramps...
   - $4.5 million per year for street and sidewalk maintenance/construction...
     - Get pots of money for specific projects – Main Street, sewer separation project...
   - $500k pot of money to fix sidewalks in need – particularly for seniors/disabilities nearby...
   - Lots more detail about raised crossings, sidewalk materials (brick, concrete, asphalt, etc.)
   - Flexi-pave is new – last 2 years, so seeing how it holds up over longer-term...
     - Changed to wire-cut bricks, smoother, tighter sidewalk...

III. Street ambassador program
   - Marie to talk about the street ambassador program...
   - Idea of being people who help work through conflicts for different users of the streets...
   - Bronze, Silver, Gold – have to get involved with community outreach...Each tier w/ three hours of training, and additional involvement in being ambassorial...
   - Trying to create more awareness for pedestrians, cyclists, etc.
   - Target city employees, taxi drivers, uber drivers, other professional drivers?
     - Who else should we / could we target?
     - If you want to sign up, email Marie – mmacciarolo@cambridgema.gov

IV. Updates
   - Development projects
     - MIT back before planning board in a few weeks. They did not satisfactorily address the issues in our letter or make changes in their plan to reflect our concerns...
     - We will re-forward our letter, with Debby writing a cover letter...
   - June walk – great job sub-committee
• In Harvard Sq west – down towards Mt. Auburn hospital and back, lots of interesting landmarks, secret passageways
  • Water bottles for people to not get dehydrated...
  • 1 round of comments on email, with Debby sitting with Allison in-person...

• Watertown-Cambridge Greenway
  • Public meeting on June 2nd, Russell Youth Center on Huron Avenue, 6:30 PM
  • Fresh Pond Advisory Board meetings as well would be relevant...And they’re open to public

V. Announcements and planning for future meetings
• May: Police to present figures on distracted driving, bike and ped stuff...Matt said he could get that for us, and we could send questions to get answers in advance
  • May is bike month – giving Helmets away...Giving lights away instead of tickets...
• Mt. Auburn intersection DCR study – more info to come