Pedestrian Committee Meeting  
May 25, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Liza Cohen, Magda McCormick, Helen Rose, Sam Stern, Cara Seideman (CDD), Greg Hanafin (CDD), Brian McLane (DPW), Matt Nelson (Police)

Agenda Review, Minutes

- Minutes approved (Sam), seconded (Liza) done...
  - Minutes shall be posted...

Pedestrian Committee Work (Walk)

- Challenge with the DPW walk that conflicts on date of June 10
- But reschedule to September doesn’t seem to be working
- Walk lacks ownership, and so there isn’t one person to speak for the group...
- To-Do – discussion of whether the walk is a core part of what the group does...
- Catherine Daly Woodbury is there on June 10 to speak...She’s the best person to speak about the wetlands...
- Liza: Walk should be more of a walk...Less of a talk. DPW thing is definitely going to be more of a talk
- Doug Brown – he will still talk, at 11 (?) ...So we do an hour or so, and keep it brief, and piggy back on the DPW walk...
- Catherine do short and sweet thing with us first; we’ll meet at T at 9:30, then head to wetlands for her talk for 15 minutes before her official talk starts, and then we break off when her official thing starts at 10
- To-Do
  - 1) Plan A: Start at 9:30 and go to Wetlands if Catherine is available (UPDATE: Catherine IS available for a 9:45 AM brief talk)
  - 2) Plan B: Start at 9:30 if Catherine is not available...With just Doug
- Whole Foods? $50 of stuff...Liza to buy and pick up and bring...Thanks!
  - Need to add WF logo to the brochure...
- Can we add the map to the website?
  - Add distance to it as well...
  - New route: start at T, walk up path to wetlands, cross through to Discovery park and come back to T, then go over to Acorn Park Drive and finish over there...

Improvement of the year / project of the year?

- Let’s support the concurrent intersection change at Wendell/Shepard/Mass Ave. We like it, we support it...
- New Street
• Fern Street & Field Street & Bay State Road
• August 24, we could do a summer walk around the Danehy Park project stuff....
• Tokyo restaurant is going to become a used car dealership...?
• Mass & Cedar bike crossing? Direct cross of Mass Ave diagonally as an extension of north section of the path...
• Let’s decide at June meeting
• Volpe walk in July 27
• To-Do For June meeting: Let’s confirm summer walk plan, lock down Volpe details, and pick a spot for August (Danehy/Tobin school under consideration)

Infrastructure Project Reviews
• Brian McLane presented construction project guidelines for pedestrians – keep pedestrian and bike access open whenever possible
• Contractors take bike and pedestrian point of view when creating barriers/boundaries around sites

Development Project Reviews
• 55 Wheeler Street – can’t find new graphics...
• EF Education – third building
  o June 6 before the planning committee
  o Community meeting on May 31st...
• Northpoint – lots of stuff is happening, shopping area, trying to create a big draw for people...
• Matt / police – Central Square is really struggling, Homeless populations are going up with shelters closing, lots of Opiod stuff...