

City of Cambridge Committee on Public Planting

Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2023 - 5:30-7pm

Field Trip (in person)

Attendance

CPP Members: Ahron Lerman, Cindy Carpenter, Chantal Eide, Ruth Loetterle, Sophia Emperor

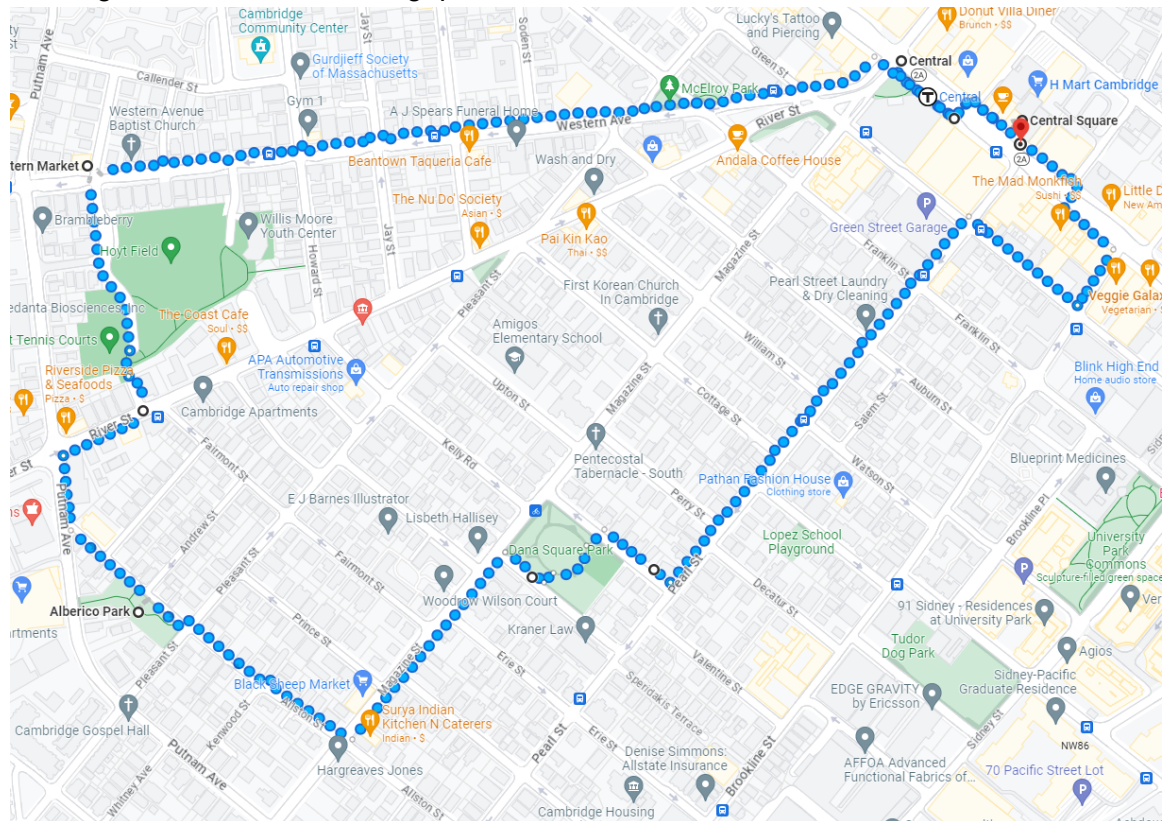
DPW/City of Cambridge: Abby Bentley, Kevin Beuttell, David Lefcourt, Andrew Putnam

Guests & members of the public: Charlie Teague

Meeting notes submitted by: Cindy Carpenter

Agenda Items:

1. Walking route around Cambridgeport



Note: No review of prior meeting minutes or update from City Arborist, because this was a field trip.

1) Topics discussed while walking along route:

- McElroy Park on Western Ave - plantings, maintenance

- Western Ave project - road and bike lanes construction, impact on trees (positive and negative), use of sand based soil
- Hoyt Field Park - tree challenges, compacted soil, tree pits
- River Street - ongoing project, struggles of planting trees on congested streets
- Fairmont Street - narrow sidewalks not ADA compliant, trees/planting pits will not be replaced in future
- Dana Square Park - community support impact, wiring of large tree's branches
- Carl Barron Plaza - upcoming renovations

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be held on September 13, 2023 at 5:30pm and will be advertised to the public in advance. This meeting will be hybrid, on Zoom and at the Department of Public Works building at 147 Hampshire St.