

City of Cambridge Committee on Public Planting

Meeting Minutes –July 9, 2025 - 5:30-7:00 pm

Field Trip (in person) - Danehy Park, Cambridge

Attendance (* indicates virtual attendance)

CPP Members: Ahron Lerman, Cindy Carpenter, Chantal Eide, Gretchen Friesinger, Ray Fahrner, Robb Johnson, Sara Cohen, Sophia Emperador

[Members not in attendance: Cynthia Smith, Tracey Orr, Maggie Booz]

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

Guests & members of the public: Patty Nolan, Charlie Teague, Roberta Koffman, Nonie Valentine, Cathie Zusy, Pat Oliver

Meeting notes submitted by: Sophia Emperador

Agenda:

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



1) Primary topics discussed while walking along route:

- current health of the trees along walking route (including challenges along the way)
- Very brief overview of upcoming changes to the park (refer to presentation given by CDD re: Danehy Park Master Plan improvements)
- Miyawaki forest - current conditions/updates
- Biodiversity demonstration garden (recently planted)

Next meeting: Our next meeting will be held on September 10, 2025 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.

NOTE: The foregoing represents our understanding of the discussions and decisions made during this meeting. The CPP requests permission to quote or reference these notes.