

Pedestrian Committee Meeting 11-19-15

Attending:

Debby, Joseph, Elizabeth, Magda, Andrea, Jodie, Sam, Sean, Cara

December Meeting –

- **scheduled for the 17th - not going to have that meeting...**
- Debby, Magda, and Sam know they can't make it
- Bike committee doesn't want to do a purely social meeting ...
- But we bring festive snacks and end a bit early...
- Another date? The 10th? Skip?
- Walk in Inman sq? Moonlight walk that they do each year, could be fun. That's on the 10th, so it's another option...
 - **9th for the bike committee meeting join up? Meeting starts at 5:30, just a note...**

Minutes

- We approved June, September & October minutes

Development Projects Review

- First street assemblage
 - Committee feels that the parking in the area closest to the park is not great for pedestrians and other users. Will send brief letter to PB.
- MIT PUD
 - Need someone on January 5 to stand up and explain what we said (including the plaza and the space and how it's used, the buildings, streets, etc.). Might adjust if MIT responds to comments.
 - January 5, First Tuesday – Debby or Elizabeth or both said they can go...
- 399 Binney (1 Kendall Square, aka the movie theater)
 - Challenge w/ moving the entrance to the parking garage is that it's right at the area that the grand junction path would go past...Tricky bit of work to figure out how to reconfigure everything...
 - Worried about the sidewalk width on little Binney – need to make sure there's enough space...

Updates

- They're doing paving before winter, WINTER IS COMING
- Participatory Budgeting – December 5-12, spread the word!
 - Each committee gets 6, some of these won't be on final list...
- Protected bike lanes on Huron Ave – let's get a petition for it...
 - Talked a lot about biking
- Watertown – Cambridge Greenway Project Meeting (The Atrium School) – Nov 30
 - Somerville path is wider – take pictures and measurements of that to compare

- CPA Grants for an open space Grant – 85,000 for Lowell Park, and 90,000 for Hell’s half acre path
 - We could apply for another grant for something else now...
- Magazine Beach – Elizabeth went to the meeting last night. They had gotten a grant to repair a building, and do some open space stuff
 - Not everyone made logical comments
 - Planning to move the path, make it a wider, multi-use path
 - Looking for a tenant for the powderhouse...
 - DCR – Public Meetings, materials are there, and they’re taking comments...

Planning For The Year

- Twitter handle – Sam to explore setting one up
- Coverage on other meetings – participation in summer walks and PARKing Day...
 - Going out to Alewife...
 - Looking at broken sidewalks
 - Signals...How they work...
 - Inman sq. road audit...
 - Northpoint & McGrath Highway...
 - Citywide planning process...
 - Re-envisioning Mass Ave.
- Pushing the shared streets
- Problem spots list shared by Sean...
- Lighting this time of year...
- Lakeview traffic calming resident– someone was pushing for it...
- Invite City Councilors to our meetings?
- Alewife pedestrian bike bridge...(\$25 million)