

Cambridge Pedestrian Committee
June 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Debby Galef, Jodie Cohen-Tanugi, Johanna Pittman, Sean Pierce, Olivia Turner, Andrea Duchesneau, Emily Holzman

Staff Present: Dana Benjamin

I. AGENDA REVIEW, MINUTES

Agenda reviewed. May meeting was a walk (Mass Ave.), so there were no previous meeting minutes to approve.

II. PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

-We reviewed the June 16 Annual Pedestrian Committee Walk. We had about 25 people present. Committee members who attended felt it was a great success; attendees appreciated learning about a public resource in Cambridge/MIT and exploring the beautiful art. The event was better advertised than in the past. There was a good turnout and good mix of people in terms of age, but perhaps not representative of all demographics in Cambridge. A survey of participants found they heard of the walk from the following sources:

- Jan Devereaux's weekly email: 3
- City of Cambridge website calendar: 2
- Bike Committee publicity: 1
- Personal email from Ped Cmte Member: 3
- Nextdoor event list: 2

-We discussed participating in (PARK)ing Day in September. At this time, the committee has not committed to participating, but members are encouraged to think about it, and if any creative ideas come up, or a few representatives would like to assist at the CDD table, we will discuss and confirm in the coming months.

III. UPDATES

-Dana reviewed the latest updates on the Brattle/Sparks/Craigie intersection project. The [slides](#) were reviewed at a June 13 community meeting. This five-leg intersection is problematic because of its high traffic volume and geometry which limits sightlines and creates challenges for people cycling or driving, particularly when exiting Sparks St. Four potential streetscape designs were presented, with the modern roundabout option identified as the potential best option--for reasons of safety, cost, and historical preservation. The committee agreed to offer its support of the modern roundabout option if necessary or requested.

-Dana mentioned she is looking for recommendations for new locations of RFBs (Rapid Flashing Beacons) for mid-block crosswalks throughout the city. Areas on and around 3rd Street were discussed. Dana encourages folks to contact her if they have recommendations.

IV. PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE PROBLEM LIST

-The committee reviewed the problem list and discussed ways to update it, compare items to the five-year plan, and divvy up items for review. Two new tabs will be added to identify areas aligned with projects already scheduled within the five-year plan (FY column) and DCR-regulated areas (DCR column). It was suggested that we could print out a large map of the five-year plan and begin to map out problem list items onto it. Alternatively, we could divvy up list items by neighborhood and ask committee members to investigate their neighborhood areas in advance, to discuss and prioritize at the meeting.

-Dana mentioned there is a new DCR staff person and will be in touch with Cara to schedule him to visit an upcoming committee meeting.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEXT MEETINGS

-Our July 26 meeting will be a walk of River Street.

-Our August 23 meeting will be a walk from Alewife to Porter via Rindge Avenue.