

Pedestrian Committee Draft Minutes  
3.28.19

Attendance

Members: Debby Galef, Sean Pierce, Johanna Pittman, Morgan Pinney, Olivia Turner

Staff: Cara Seiderman (CDD), Greg Hanafin (CDD)

**Updates**

Construction season begins the 1st week of April.

A new signal is being installed at Broadway and Ellery.

The River Street public feedback phase continues. The March Open House, which offered residents an opportunity to give feedback and meet City officials, was a success (well attended, many opportunities for citizen input). There will be a River Street parking study done as part of the process.

There is a new City Committee forming: Technical Advisory Group on [Future Mobility](#). Spread the word. The City is also seeking new and returning members for the Bike, Pedestrian, and Transit Committees. [Reapply](#) and spread the word.

The April Pedestrian Committee will be a joint committee to discuss progress on the City's 5-year plan for Sidewalk and Street Reconstruction; DPW staff will present.

**Pedestrian Committee Work**

We discussed our interest and intention in participating in the walk. We then realized that the majority of committee members would be out of town/unavailable the weekend of the walk. This will be relayed to Pardis (from Economic Development). We discussed creating a handout related to facets of walkability as one option for participation.

The pedestrian section of the CDD website will undergo some updates and redesign. We reviewed the website and discussed what content we felt was most valuable, and what content we felt was missing. Priorities included: a "Pedestrian's toolbox," event listing, reporting link, walking tours/resources page, Safe Routes to Schools page, Rules of the Sidewalk, and FAQ section. Touch base with Greg if new ideas come to mind.

South Mass Ave project: the City will be doing pedestrian counts on Mass Ave and Vassar late April-early May and needs volunteers. Greg will send out a call for

volunteers and Morgan will touch base with folks from MIT to see if any students can assist.

We overviewed the Pedestrian Plan and are encouraged to take another look on our own to reflect on whether it needs a refresh or a more significant overhaul. We discussed the possibility of adding specific goals to the plan. Sean will take the initial lead on reviewing and offering general recommendations.