

WALKBIKE SPRINGFIELD

November 13, 2019 MEETING NOTES

I. Roadway Projects, Street Repavings & Complete Streets

[Central Street Reconstruction](#) – Bike lanes status? - needs following-up

[St. James Ave./St. James Blvd./Carew Intersection](#) - presentation of initial plans were made to the East Springfield Neighborhood Council on November 7. WalkBike, neighborhood residents, and DPW head Chris Cignoli all supported the plan for just one lane in each direction plus turning lanes, along with a shared use path instead of a bicycle lane marked on the street.

[Berkshire/Bay Intersection](#) - construction to begin in spring 2020.

II. Next Steps?

[“X” Project](#) – meeting with neighbors? - It was reported that City Engineer Andy Krar is currently reviewing all the comments and indicated a willingness to engage WalkBike and neighbors. Alex is trying to establish a connect with Trinity Church. Deb can help with this.

[Walkability Prioritization Plan](#) - Currently amassing assessment tools. Need to follow-up with Timothy Sheehan.

[Central Library State St. Crossing](#) - Andy Krar indicated a willingness to help with this issue. Will continue to push for an exploration of alternatives.

[413 Wheel Park](#) - Parks still seeking funds to engage a consultant to draft a schematic plan and submit grants for funding

[Riverwalk Point Person](#) - no news about this

[Safe Routes to School grant & School Committee Outreach](#) - Springfield just awarded a \$6,000 MassDOT “Signs and Lines” grant for improving the crosswalks for the Deberry and Homer Elementary Schools. Working on a strategy for engaging the School Committee. Need to involve folks with children in Springfield Public Schools.

[“Try 25” Yard Sign Project](#) - Deb has the signs. Looking to deploy them in at least three locations on a street. Will plan to re-energize effort in the spring. The East Springfield Neighborhood Council is also selling for \$8 each red yard signs “Drive Like your Child Lives Here”

[30 mph Signs changed to 25 mph](#) - need to report to Chris Cignoli any streets where the signs should be changed, such as Dickinson and Worthington. He indicated that DPW has maps providing the location of all signs which we could review.

We had a broader discussion about how speeding is a city-wide issue and how we get police, DPW, Public Health, etc. all working on this together. It was suggested that we follow the lead of what Russ Selig has done with the “improving curb appeal” campaign. This started with having Marcus Williams and the Council’s Maintenance and Development Committee hold a hearing that brought together the various folks to be involved.

Good Neighbor Handbook - current draft attached

Logo - Deb mentioned that there are apps that we could use to generate a logo. Need to follow-up with Jim.

III. Other Issues/Activities

- Report from MassDOT Moving Together Conference - Information about two presentations were made. One, the City of Cambridge “Cycling Safety Ordinance” requiring separated bicycle lanes to be constructed. (attached.) Two, [Boston’s initiative to make more equitable which sidewalks are improved](#). DPW walked all 1600 miles of sidewalk and graded the condition using a standardized assessment tool and then overlaid this with an “environmental justice” screen.
- [Lights Brigade](#) - MassBike campaign for outreach massbike.org/lightsbrigade2019
- Day of Remembrance Sunday, Nov. 17 - contact [Alex Weck](#) if interested in assisting with ghost bike installation at 2 PM.
- [MassBike PV Annual Meeting](#) Thursday 11/21 in Florence
- [RAD 4th Birthday Party MAC N CHEESE COOK-OFF](#) Saturday Jan. 11th at The Bing
- Balise Chevy General Manager John Perez says Hall of Fame Ave sidewalk was cleaned up, but it still is covered in sand . Need to recheck and get Springfield Code enforcement involved.

NEXT Meetings Wednesday, December 11, 2019

2020 DATES - still to be resolved as to a regular day and time, but the January meeting will be on Tuesday, January 28.