

Notes from STEP meeting 26 January 2008

January 26, 2008, 10-10: 30AM
Short Meeting at Bloc 11, Union Square

Attendees: Ellin Reisner, Wig Zamore, Karen Molloy, Steve Mulder, Andrea Yakovakis, Jim McGinnis, Kristie Chase, Bob Nesson

Notes by Karen Molloy

1. Green Line Update (1/2 hr)

This was a short STEP update meeting preceding a USMS and STEP combined meeting. Formal STPE meeting postponed to 25 February.

Ellin reported that she went to the Transportation Bond Bill hearing at the State House this week (22 January). Committee Chairman Sen. Steven Baddour spoke of wanting to delay funding new transit projects when there is not enough money for improving ageing infrastructure. Our legislative delegation and Mayor Curtatone made the case for funding the Green Line Project as it is a legal agreement.

Monica Lamboy held a meeting at City Hall last week comprised of members for the Green Line Advisory Group and local nonprofits to discuss criteria of station siting selection.

We continue to flyer neighborhoods and announce on local listservs and blogs about the upcoming EOT/VHB station siting meetings, which start next Monday, 28 January (first one: to focus on Gilman, Brickbottom, Washington St. stations).

2. Union Sq community planning meeting (attended by several additional people) – Union Sq route/station siting alternatives (3 hrs)

STEP and USMS will hold its 2nd community meeting on 12 February to present to interested residents options and considerations around possible station siting and land use of Union Sq Green Line station. The Green Line Advisory Board will be considering Union Sq station siting starting in February or March and the EOT will be holding its community meeting on Union Sq on 19 February.

Steve will provide some aerial maps to show proposed routes and station sitings at the STEP/USMS 12 February community meeting.

In the first part of this meeting Matt Frederick introduced us to his proposal for the Union Sq Green Line route/staion. His proposal includes making the Green Line Extension one single route not a trunk and spur. Other trunk-and-spur options that have been under discussion for some time were also looked at.

The 2nd part focused on planning the USMS and STEP meeting presentation, agenda, and logistics.

Next STEP meeting: 25 February VNA.