

STEP meeting minutes
August 25, 2008
At the Visiting Nurses Association

In Attendance: Ellin Reisner, Andrea Yakovakis, Naomi Slagowski, Karen Molloy, Wig Zamore, Kristi Chase, Steve Mulder, Jim McGinnis, Ken Krause, and Joe Cutrufo

Inner Belt/Maintenance Facility

STEP and Brickbottom have been working together on the Yard 8 maintenance facility site, and are in agreement that the location is not good for the future development of Inner Belt. Future development must keep in mind a well-connected street grid.

Green Line Extension

The Union Square alignment for a station has still not been decided. This is a more complicated station than some of the other Green Line stops because of the number of bus connections in Union Square. It would be useful to see the EOT plans for bus connections.

In the North Point development, Lechmere station is now the responsibility of the state, and no longer hinges on private development deals. It is important for STEP to keep in touch with people in East Cambridge, and help them have a voice in the process.

Grants

EPA Care grant: Tufts Urban Environmental Policy Planning program students did a video on the community path. They are interested in doing a documentary about the Green Line – history and current community opinions. SCAT and STEP could assist them.

NIH CAFEH grant: This is currently in the Internal Review Board process at Tufts. There is a team of Tufts professors, grad students, and undergrads working on this project.

Other

Joe Cutrufo will be a work-study student working with STEP this fall. One thing he might work on is a bus survey, especially adding questions to get people thinking about how the train might affect their bus usage.

Next meeting

September 22nd from 7-9pm at the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) at 259 Lowell Street, in the Community Room.