

STEP minutes May 23, 2005
VNA Assisted Living Center, Community Room
259 Lowell Street

In attendance: S. Winslow, S. Mulder, E. Reisner, K. Malloy, K. Chase, J. McGinnis, W. Zamore, A. Yakovakis, C. Crawford, L. Paoletta, M. Saufilippo

1. Steve Winslow spoke about the bike path extensions as a way of beginning a relationship on this issue with him and the city. Steve is with city of Somerville, his salary is grant funded by Robert Wood Johnson. His primary role as Bicycle/Pedestrian coordinator is working to get community path extended in 3 parts
a) gap between linear park/grove street - scheduled for next year's TIP, extend through Alewife, Belmont, to happen in 2006
b) path end on Cedar street now, desired extension to Central Street. MBTA, property owners lined up, have design, scheduled for 2007 TIP, Capuano put 1million in federal transportation bill for that, depends on passing Senate and Bush signing bill
c) south of central street, have Volmer Associates working on some concepts for that, idea to take it into East Somerville/Northpoint/Charles River
Steve showed some potential schemes for #3. Step members gave Steve networking suggestions for community support/involvement. STEP offered our support.

2. STEP Fundraiser

Jim provided samples of the invitations, envelopes and reply cards. Those in attendance provided some suggested edits

Ellin volunteered to finalize physical mailing list

A invitation stuffing mailing party was scheduled for Saturday morning 10AM, mailing party, Jim's house. There was some debate on whether we should try to get mailing list from last public meeting. It was agreed that we probably couldn't get it in time for the mailing, and there was debate on whether we should try to get it for later.

There was some discussion of whether we should try to find a gimmick to put in invitations. Nothing was decided on.

3. ArtBeat Participation

Lori Segal emailed about having Somerville climate action group having collaborative tables to address transportation issues at Artbeat

Karen sent in application for a table at Artbeat. Ideas were discussed, including updated materials, maps, brochure

4. Air Quality Forum

To be discuss offline in subgroup

Framework: need, in connection with Green Line, and overall transportation program coordinating population, land use, transportation, emissions/air quality, quality of life
esp transportation, public health, air quality

5. Update on Green Line

2 public meetings to discuss ozone SIP issues, 1st meeting Thursday @ 10, 2nd meeting, public hearing on SIP commitments

Mass Inc forum Thursday morning @ 8Am with Ellin & David Luberoff as panelists

There have been 2 columns the last 2 days in the Globe on this issue from Luberoff/Mass Inc editors

Wig's suggestions: be careful not to criticize Arborway, competing projects, avoid criticizing commuter rail transportation, even if has less bang for buck

Luberoff is saying metrics are questionable, then latching onto just a few measurements.

Next Meeting June 20 @ 7PM