

Mid Cambridge Neighborhood Association
Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 4, 2017
At Spaulding Hospital

Present: Jules Correia, George Bossarte, Fritz Donovan, Elizabeth Gombosi, Charlotte Ikels, Frankie Lieberman, Paula Lovejoy, John Pitkin

Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved. Charlotte moved, George seconded.

A study group is looking at Inman Square planning. TPT is planning a community presentation for January 24 at Cambridge Hospital.

Mark McGovern and Louis DePasquale will come to a MCNA Membership Meeting on January 18 to present the Cambridge budget process and talk about coming initiatives, tax rates, and the bond rating., Tuny will reserve the Cullinane Room. Fritz will draft an announcement and send it to Paula for editing for a newsletter, as well as NextDoor and posters.

The newsletter could also include articles on the Abbott Building and Inman Square.

Fritz will contact Sophie Sithamma at Swissnex to ask whether we can schedule the Cabin Fever Reliever for Wednesday, March 1. Other options are Feb. 28 or March 2.

Tomorrow, January 5, the Historical Commission will decide whether to accept a petition to study the Abbott Building for landmarking. &Pizza will also be presenting plans for the space on Brattle St. currently occupied by Nini's Corner and the former site of Tory Row restaurant. We need people to attend.

Charlotte reported that the extension behind 20 Sumner Rd. is in process and will be mostly underground. They are experimenting with new materials.

Solar power as a topic for a Conversation was discussed. It could be held at the Atrium at Youville or perhaps at the library. Fritz read an email from Becky Wasserman, who would like to come talk to us about a solar access program. He will invite her to our February 1 meeting.

Fritz will also talk to Maria McCauley to invite her to the February meeting or a later meeting.

How can we work with the Inman Square Neighborhood Association? This deserves further discussion. Can it survive as a neighborhood association on its own? It is currently a resident and business collaboration with concerns about failing businesses, traffic, the Union/Inman subway station, etc.

How can we work to reinstate the Community Bike Path in the Green Line Extension Project? It would greatly help to alleviate bike traffic through Inman Square.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. Frankie moved, George seconded.