

May 20th, 2013 Cambridge Planning Commission Mtg Minutes

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Cambridge Planning Commission May 20th 2013 mtg minutes - 6:35pm start

Attendees: Michael M, Jill R, Werner B, Ron Elliot- community member, Seth Jensen- LCPC, Kate Whitehead-Lamoille Fit and Healthy Coalition.

No mail for review. No approval of May 6th mtg minutes as there was no quorum.

Kate Whitehead began with a discussion of how Health and Recreation language/opportunities can be incorporated into Town Plans and into the Land Use Section of a Town Plan. Key components included healthy community design, supporting language for increasing access to local food, CSAs, farms/gardens and language that supports increasing/access to recreational opportunities including walk/bike trails, etc. Also thinking about compact, mixed-use community design that encourages walkability. Complete streets language can be incorporated too. This enables all users to access public roadways.

Kate ended by offering resources to Cambridge including conducting an edu-outreach campaign around healthy/rec/food access and opportunities. The PC was quite interested in working with Kate to initiate these types of activities.

Kate's presentation led to a discussion around the importance of enabling community members to envision what a "walkable" pedestrian-friendly community might look like. Ron E mentioned how great it would be if folks could walk around the village of Jeff using sidewalks, etc that were all connected. Currently this is not a possibility, though many have expressed interest in just this type of infrastructure. The PC discussed "community Viz" software and the Orton Family Foundation funding/program possibilities. We also discussed design charrettes, and other options we might pursue to encourage the community to vision the future buildout scenarios.

Seth J reviewed the final draft version of the Housing Section of the Town Plan. The PC agreed that this latest version was generally acceptable and ready for further town review.

Seth J reviewed the Education section with the same agreement from the PC that this section was generally ready for further town review. Seth will review/add a final bit of school-aged multiplier data to this section.

Seth J provided an initial review of the transportation section. There was discussion about the number of homes necessary on a given road before the Town might accept that road as public. **Jill R** stated she would discuss this with Dana Sweet.

Next meeting will be on June 3rd and will be focused on Land Use Section of the Town Plan.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.