Neponset River Greenway Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 2, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Foley Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan, MA

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Guests

2. Along the Greenway with Stella Lensing, DCR Project Manager
   Signage: How much can the DCR do, and how much will we raise money to match funding?
   Maintenance issues: Invasive species management, Graffiti on murals, Sea wall, Trail erosion, Tenean Beach

   Mattapan:
   - Segment 2 – Central Ave to Mattapan Square: Is there a date for an opening ceremony?
     How about expedited sign placement, trash barrels, comfort station along Segment 2
   - Segment 6 – Crossing Blue Hill Ave.: Is there any progress for a crossing along River St.?
   - Apartments on Mattapan Station parking lot. Construction start date?

   Dorchester:
   - Segment 8 – Morrissey Blvd. drawbridge to UMass: Report from public meeting
   - Segment 3 – Victory Rd to Morrissey Blvd Is there a design completion date? MassDOT contact?
   - Segment 4 – Tenean Beach to Victory Rd. Bridge vs. MassDoT
     Dog pollution at Victory Rd. Park in ACEC
     MassDOT Project 608843, Project Manager: Edmond Libsch

   Milton:
   - Segment 6 – Crossing Blue Hill Ave. Are Milton crossing lights working?
   - Why is Brush Hill Road southbound signed for 45 mph?

   Hyde Park:
   - Segment 7 – Fairmount to Dana Ave. Next steps toward something along Truman Parkway?
   - Segment 9 – Connecting Trail to Paul’s Bridge Is anything happening yet

3. Future Events

   - Saturday, August 5 at 10:00 am–1:00 pm: Neighborhood Rides: Dorchester, meet at Ashmont Cycles
   - Saturday, August 12, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Tenean Beach Day
   - Tuesday, August 15, 7:00 pm – Port Norfolk Civic Association Bar-B-Q
   - Saturday, September 23 8:30 am–1:00 pm: Neponset River Cleanup: Meet at Martini Shell.
   - Saturday, September 23 at 1:00–3:00 pm: Neighborhood Rides: Mattapan

4. Past Event Reports

   - Saturday, July 22, 2017 8:00 am – 3:00pm: Mattapan on Wheels 7th Annual Bike-a-thon, Mattapan
   - Saturday, July 22, 10:00am-2:00pm: Neponset RiverFest, DCR Neponset II Park, Dorchester
   - Bike rides from Dedham and Allston

Upcoming Meetings – Meetings held first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm

- September 6, 2017 Milton Yacht Club, Milton (potluck at 6:00)
- October 4, 2017 Hyde Park Police Station, Hyde Park
- November 1, 2017 Somewhere in Dorchester
- August 2, 2017 Foley Senior Residences, Mattapan

Issues on the trail? (non-emergency) MassParks line: 617-626-1250, 0 for operator or email mass.parks@state.ma.us
Join neponsetgreenway@googlegroups.com to take part in discussions between Greenway Council meetings
Join the Neponset River Greenway Council group on Facebook to keep track of Greenway events.
See our web site at http://www.neponsetgreenway.org
Signage Along the Neponset Trail

From Martha McDonough
• Wayfaring Signs everywhere you meet a major junction or entry point along the trail
  (Use mileage where possible)
• Signs for "No Motorized Vehicles, except ADA where appropriate
• Trail Etiquette signs (Be sure to include trash carry-in and carry-out)
• Keep Right signs (using pictorial symbols)
• Signage for restrooms/water at major junctions
• Where appropriate - signage for PCB, E Coli, and poison ivy Dangers (Use Kiosks)

From Lee Toma
• Pictograms for non-English speakers, for as many sign subjects as possible
• 'No bathrooms' notice at each end of the new trail segment
• Pass with care / do not speed
• Do not eat fish (at any possible fishing spot and canoe launches)
• Do not jump off bridges
• "All dog owners must be leashed"
• Informational (need more detail):
  - Fauna and flora
  - Historical
• Wayfaring signs to be placed at trailheads - we need to suggest details
• Should companies and organizations be allowed to post signs and/or sponsor existing signage? Say perhaps the different farmers markets and local restaurants? And if so, what guidelines or limits should there be?
• And how about trail cleaning or maintenance sponsorships, like you might see on highways?

Signs Along the Neponset River

From Martha McDonough
• 500 yards(?) upstream of T&H Dam a rope high up across the river warning of dam ahead
• Lewis Chemical - signs in sediment warning paddlers of contamination
• Signage along river bank letting paddlers know when they are entering a different community such as Milton, Mattapan, etc
• Directional signs at every canoe launch since most of the time there is no obvious current (For example, at Martini Launch - a sign directing them towards Paul's'Bridge or towards T&H
• Historical signage where appropriate. For example, where Mother Brook meets the Neponset and more historical signs if they land their watercraft there @ Blake Estate Urban Wild. This is a very historical area...
• Sign where ever there is a canoe launch or landing from the river's embankment (Especially at Paul's Bridge, Martini Landing, where Mother Brook meets the Neponset and by the Kennedy Playground)
• Warning signs about fishing - wherever, there is a potential fishing hang-out (Barbara is having Denise Dodds get more info from Boston Public Health as to where the signs had been placed in the past - many are too faded or gone. Everyone should look along their own neighborhoods for new locations. I am recommending that we add them to Tileston Hollingsworth Dam, River Street Terrace, and between B Street Pedestrian Bridge and Mother Brook