

South Acton Train Station Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Council on Aging Senior Center
June 30, 2011

Committee Members Present:

David Martin
Sean Hanley
Tom Campbell
Clare Siska

Committee Members Not Present:

Michaela Moran
Pat Clifford

Other Attendees:

Corey York

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 7:35.

The committee accepted the minutes of April 7, 2011 unanimously, with no changes

Membership Announcements and Actions

Clare Siska is now officially a member, replacing Nick Zavolas.
We have 6 members on the committee

Discuss Meeting with MAPC

Corey York had a call June 20 with MAPC representatives, which also included David Martin and Roland Bartl, Town Planner. Cory, Roland and David outlined their view of problem areas for the MAPC. Roland showed them ARRT 25% design with illustrations. MAPC does not have funds to do an entire study, but they will do a report. Area of focus will be streets immediately surrounding station, and possibly Jones Field. MAPC will send a scope of services to the town to detail exactly what the report entails. Intent is to be done by September, 2011.

Discuss Station 60% Design

MBTA is working up 60% design based on work with subcommittee; is finalizing the plan within the available budget. The committee reviewed paper plans received by the subcommittee. (<http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-30004/2010-09-30%20-%20PLAN%20-%2060%20Design%20Submittal%20-%20South%20Acton%20Station.pdf>) David M. will send link to document to the full committee. David has sent an inquiry to Phil Brake re: date of next (final) meeting, where the 60% design will be presented, waiting to hear back.

Lighting and parking lot plans – committee needs to work with town engineering; could start that process any time. Corey will pull old draft conceptual plans from Bruce Stamski, which looked at options for increasing parking. David M noted that he had seen an MBTA schedule that had Montourri property purchase slated for January 2012.

Lighting -- How much lead time do we need to look into lighting changes? Corey can contact the lighting company to find out what options are available for replacing lighting; they are likely to know about funding options such as grants. There is no hurry on this, but we need to know how much lead time is needed.

HNTB presented to the BoS earlier in June; there is an issue with the crossing in West Acton; the Department of Public Works is requiring a cantilevered arm over the road with lights for safety reasons. BoS expressed concern over implications on Historic District – BoS response is TBD.

Update on ARRT / Caouette-Simeone Land

Committee discussed the status of the ARRT, and associated parking plans, and the need for traffic mitigation. MAPC report will be valuable in this regard. ARRT 25% design will proceed, but construction funding has been pushed out ~ 5 years. Earliest date is now projected at 2016; could be as late as 2020.

It was noted that the delay allows for time for the development of a possible alternative plan, assuming the MBTA purchase of the Montourri property proceeds on schedule.

Farmers Market Community Table

The AB Farmers Market offers has a Community Table available for town groups and nonprofits, Sundays, through October 23. Hours are 10 – 1 plus setup/takedown. Opportunity to publicize 60% design and construction schedule once plans are final and presentation is made to the BoS. At least 4 committee members need to commit to manning the table. We will need visuals. Multiple dates remain available. Clare is CT Coordinator and can schedule us.

David M moved that David and Clare work together to schedule a date after abovementioned milestones are met. Sean H. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

The next SATSAC meeting will be scheduled after the meeting with the MBTA.

Respectfully submitted,
Clare Siska

Links:

<http://www.acton-ma.gov/index.aspx?nid=244> is the SATSAC page.

<http://www.littletonma.org/content/49/3594/5590/default.aspx> is Littleton's MBTA Commuter Rail Advisory Committee.

http://www.mbta.com/about_the_mbta/t_projects/default.asp?id=15585 is the MBTA site about the project.