

SOUTH ACTON TRAIN STATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date/Time: 8:00 PM THURSDAY 03 DECEMBER

Location: ACTON TOWN HALL, ROOM 126

Attendees: David Martin, Bob Condon, Michaela Moran, Thomas Campbell, Sean Hanley

The meeting started at 8:00 PM.

Comments from the public

Annie Brown, 18 Maple Street (and Sean) commented that the new lights at the Maple Street turn around are exceptionally bright and was hoping that the lighting could be reduced. Solutions are discussed later in the meeting.

Construction - progress, schedule, noise, and issues

Signage on the plaza was not final, more gutters and downspouts were in the works, screens were being added to the elevator building.

Station opening logistics

Opening was to occur on December 14.

Unclear on what was going to happen at this time.

New schedule postponed - update

The schedule was being revised for May 2016. Corey Lynch would be working on it. There were expectations of public meetings to air any concerns.

Illumination - Maple Street entrance, etc.

There were three solutions to the bright Maple Street turnaround. "Gillette Stadium" was the name commented in the meeting and the deep shadows being created by the houses across the street.

- Reduce the wattage of the light bulb as to reduce the brightness
- Purchase fixture shades to reduce the side illuminations into the side yards
- Lower the light fixtures. This is the most difficult and would require taking the poles down, cutting out a section and reinstall. The issue is that the lights are on very tall poles which allow the neighbors to actually SEE the light bulbs. By reducing the fixture height, neighbors would have the fixture to obscure the light bulbs.

Joe Noland was being contacted to work this issue.

There was a comment that the Bike Path will also want to add security lighting and should do a walkthrough before adding any more lights.

6. 8:30 Sculpture - process, etc.

Linda Myer approached the committee regarding placing sculptures on the property. The best answer was that any improvement of the property should be voted on and should happen once the landscaping is completed. One of the issues is that the sculptures would be required to be on Acton land (as oppose to MBTA land) and depending on the finished landscaping would determine where would be space available for such artifacts.

Additionally, the BOS would be required to vote and approve the placement of the sculpture.

Parking lots - main parking re-layout, lighting, rail trail

The main parking info that we had heard:

- The islands and poles would remain
- We had heard that the trees may be removed; As a committee, we would appreciate the trees to stay and the few sick trees to be replaced
- The lot would be re-lined over the summer

Parking expansion - Pirazzo land, Richards land

There is a discussion that the Pirazzo land would be an asset to acquire and turn into additional parking. This is a piece of land east of the civilian building at the corner of School and Main Street across from Exchange Hall. The property could be graded to the adjoining parking lot and provide some much needed parking. A letter was drafted for the BOS and accepted by this board.

Mr Richards is still in discussion with the BOS.

Review & accept prior meeting minutes

15-Oct-2015 minutes accepted

5-Nov-2015 minutes accepted

Future meetings, and calendar events over next several months

January 7, 2016

February 4, 2016

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:45PM