



## Parking Advisory Committee

Date: November 14, 2019

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Location: 730 Massachusetts Avenue, Town Hall Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

### Minutes

Members in Attendance: Ali Carter, Daniel Amstutz, Adam Chapdelaine, Jill Mirak, Phyllis Marshall, Mike Rademacher, John Hurd.

Guests: Darcy Devney, Jenny Raitt.

#### 1. Discussion: Arlington Center Sidewalk Project Design Plans.

Daniel Amstutz briefly described the handouts circulated at the meeting, which included a project tree inventory, picture examples of aboveground and moveable planters, and the draft construction sheet for Broadway Plaza. Full-size copies of the construction plans were also printed out and on the conference room table for committee members to review.

Mike Rademacher noted that there would be no net loss of street trees in this plan. Any trees removed would be replaced. Additional trees will be added by American Alarm on Broadway and Franklin Street. Some additional sidewalk work will also be done on Alton and Franklin Streets. Ali Carter noted that the street tree in front of Abbot's Frozen Custard should not be replaced due to its location and proximity to the door of that business. Rademacher said the trees replaced near the building line would be more V-shaped, with small canopies. However, the three trees shown bunched together in the middle of Broadway Plaza would be canopy trees. If more trees are needed, it's possible that new trees could be placed into the Memorial Park on the other side of Broadway. Adam Chapdelaine asked if the trees could be larger than saplings. Rademacher said they could be. Carter noted there have been discussions of using self-watering planters for the vegetation and trees that are in above ground planters. Chapdelaine said PBD funds could be used for DPW overtime to water them when needed.

Darcy Devney asked if this construction would remove the possibility of extending Alton Street, as envisioned in the Mass Ave Phase 2 redesign.

Chapdelaine noted that this reconstruction of Broadway Plaza would not remove that possibility entirely, but it would not happen for a while.

The committee discussed what to display for the public information session the following week. The purpose of the Broadway Plaza work is to clean it up, removing obstructions and accessibility issues, and make it easier for people to use. Flexibility of the space, using moveable elements, is desirable. There is also a desire to maximize the green space and keep the Plaza attractive. This is also the first big project using Parking Benefits District funds. This information should be communicated in the public information session materials. John Hurd noted that the Select Board will be interested to see what has changed on the plans from the public information session.

The MWRA needs the plans by January to incorporate into their water/sewer work in the Plaza. The MWRA expects to start its work in fall 2020 and they will work through winter. The Broadway Plaza work could then take place in spring 2021.

2. Update: Route 87 Layover Relocation and Parking Meters on Broadway.

Staff are still working with the MBTA to determine a date for moving the Route 87 layover and are reviewing the timeline for installing parking meters on Broadway.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.