

Centre/South Second Community Workshop  
Group Notes  
Thursday, February 5, 2009  
Curley School K-8  
6:00-8:00pm

Facilitated by BTB and BRA/City Staff

**Group 1 Auditorium**

- Light pollution, St. Peter, Paul Gore
- Green, trees
- Crosswalk at St. John and Pond Street
- Burned out church at Centre Street, is there a timeline for repair
- Tool Box – private/business funding/programs
- Visioning process
- Cultural Attitude of business owners, improvement of storefronts
- Furnishings (maintenance)
- Vision:
  - o Better bicycle racks
  - o Bicycle lane (ex. Stanford, CA)
  - o Space trade offs: bikes/parking
  - o Stop and Shop stand racks
  - o Private business bicycle rack access
  - o Loss of parking/a bicycle lane (shuttle van service?)
  - o Delivery service routes
- Storm water management
- T announcement too loud
- Village
  - o Free WiFi
  - o Walking
  - o Neighbors Together
  - o Brookline
  - o Being careful?
- Traffic congestion 4 pm vs. 10 pm, cars are more likely to speed
- Better streetscape calming
- Uniformity/ corner becomes a place Ex. Portland
- Pattern (street crosswalk stamps)
- Jackson Square
  - o Litter, Bromley Heath
  - o Parking in off street location
  - o Pedestrian flow (narrow with electrical boxes)
  - o Mozart Park as good example of expression of culture
- Hyde Square rotary signage
- No signal, better signage
- Art Opportunities (3 granite stones at intersection of So. Huntington and Centre)
  - o Places, create town common
  - o Create public space
  - o Sitting

- Vacant storefronts
- Maintenance of sidewalks
- Snow removal
- Enforcement/ISD
- Adding art display to vacant storefronts, issues of insurance?
- Art in signage
  
- Vision
  - o Additional Density
  - o Development vs. environmental issues
  - o Smart growth
  - o Stagger work hours
  - o One day a week no cars
  - o Celebrate diversity
  - o Clubber, sidewalks, sandwich signs
  - o Gathering places
  - o Monument sidewalk
  - o Identify public spaces
    - Agassiz
    - Pond Jewel
  
- Sidewalks to be cleared after last snowfall similar to how streets are treated
- Edge treatment, parking on main streets, choose some place else
- Keep commercial blocked together, less interruption
- Reported issues and a timeline, based on phases
- Website confusion

### **Group 2 Classroom**

- Snow put at corners, covering up ramps and crosswalks
- Newspaper kiosks at Jamaicaway Books
- Big Belly might be too big/intrusive/prone to graffiti?
- Short-term improvements
- Process – which will we need to make trade-offs
- Parking unsafe
- Pedestrian signs – attention to ped. Crossings
- Blanchard Lot (Signage off street)
- Catenary poles, REMOVE. Until removed, could be opportunities
- Education on parking regulations in commercial areas
- TMA needed
- Snow Removal problem – discourages walking and foot traffic in business districts
- Coordinated effort
- Put snow around street trees
- Signals at monument