

**Lopez, Donna**

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**From:** Carolyn [carolyn\_shipley@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 30, 2014 4:26 PM  
**To:** Lopez, Donna  
**Subject:** Fw: For a fairer Hubway location process

For the record:

On Wednesday, April 30, 2014 4:23 PM, Carolyn <carolyn\_shipley@yahoo.com> wrote:  
I really have to weigh in here. People were saying on Monday evening at the City Council hearing that there was no public meeting (or no impartial meeting?). Sorry, but there was a meeting. I attended it as did folks from Corp. McTernan St., the location where it was proposed to place the Hubway. And it was announced on the CNA listserv several times. Flyers were put up around the neighborhood similar to the one below.

The meeting was organized by Greenport and co-sponsored by CNA. (A bit of history: CNA supported and promoted the formation of GreenPort at a CNA meeting a number of years ago.)

The Cambridge Community Development Department was invited to discuss the plans for the Hubway station--near Dana Park and mid-way between Central Square and the river--with the neighborhood. Perhaps, because they were invited by the neighborhood, CDD did not plan a CDD-sponsored meeting on the subject.

So, it seems to me that this was an open and democratic meeting based on the above facts. How does it differ from any other such meeting?

The residents living on Corp. McTernan St. were not very happy with what seemed to be the decision to place the Hubway station on their street. That presumed decision could be the reason why attendance did not include residents from other streets at that meeting.

By the way, the CCD has a mailing list for announcements of all public City meetings. Anyone can be put on the mailing list. Just send an email to CDD and ask to be put on the list.

However, most neighborhood associations are on the CDD mailing list. I encourage one and all to take a more active and participatory role in city meetings other than the City Council hearings. A listing of all meetings can be found on the city website.

And, CNA meetings usually deal with changes to the neighborhood similar to this issue and with other issues or events that may impact residents of Cambridgeport. So, attendance at CNA meetings can be helpful in learning about such issues. Be informed!

The meeting (see below) that took place back in November was co-sponsored by CNA and was intended as a meeting between representatives of Community Development Department and the neighborhood. (I don't recall that anyone from Hubway was in attendance.)

# GreenPort Forum

**Hubway in Central Cambridgeport:  
Let's Talk About It**

**Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00pm**

**Cambridgeport Baptist Church, 459 Putnam Ave. (corner of Magazine St.  
and Putnam Ave)**

**Cosponsored by the Cambridgeport Neighborhood  
Association**

Join us for a dialogue with representatives from the Cambridge Community Development Department about putting a new Hubway bicycle share station near Dana Park. The Hubway system offers a convenient and affordable way to get around by bicycle, with over 120 stations in Cambridge, Boston, Brookline and Somerville and easy connections to the MBTA system. Having a station near Dana Park would increase access for neighborhood residents to Hubway and all of the destinations it serves that are beyond walking distance. At the same time, concerns have been raised about the possible loss of on-street parking spaces. Both on- and off-road options will be discussed.

This forum offers an opportunity for an open conversation about this issue. We would like everyone's voice to be heard. Our hope is to foster a win-win solution in which the placement of a new Hubway Station addresses neighbors' concerns and works for the entire neighborhood. Please come and participate in this important conversation.

GreenPort envisions and encourages a just and sustainable Cambridgeport neighborhood

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