

ACTION IDEA 10

Create a program to send unused school lunch food home with students facing food insecurity

Alternative:
Send out food + kids go home + send additional food?
You should implement this action idea + do so in safety + responsibility as possible

Promotes values?

Undermines values?

Build
Future
Security
improvement
come

Its Better than Nothing
- Just do it for everyone, not just single groups.

Protective of Diversity
↳ how you implement
Sustainability - Reduce
Food Waste
↳ responsible use of resource

Self Worth
(Which value??)
Fiscal?

Signalling - going out of your way to identify a group

What is the quality of that food? - Fresh food?
What is it replacing @ home?
↳ ~~Food waste~~
↳ improved health care

Community - Positive to know your neighbors will help when you need it

innovation!

Seems unsustainable/irregular to rely on "whatever is leftover that day"
How can we do this w/o singling out kids?

ACTION IDEA 9

Increase the cost of metered parking throughout the city

Glad I have a handicap pass. I respect walkers & bikes, I can't

Promotes values?

Sustainability -
~~less~~ fewer cars/
less carbon contribution
Community - Discouraging parking
Could mean more open spaces

Economic base
→ incentivizes turnover,
allows more shoppers

encourages public transit use
Properly priced = public good
- Variable Pricing (Demand) more equitable

- accomplish more with fewer parking spaces → more room for other uses

- discourages driving, especially short distances

Undermines values?

DIVERSITY - 'TAXES' LIMITED INCOME
Economic Base - Could discourage patronage at local businesses +
higher cost to employees
of businesses who drive to their workplaces w/ no private parking (lower-income employees)

- increased municipal cost and burden. Need more? traffic and enforcement
- targets residents who live in fringe neighborhoods

increase residents parking in residential zones in active zones (DSCA, etc.)

Regressive: impacts lower income more?
Shifts municipal revenue to private garages?

ACTION IDEA 8

Establish a shuttle to open spaces in neighboring communities

Increases burden while reducing benefits. Why not other options?

Promotes values? | Undermines values?

1) Promotes Access ✓
2) Good Example
3) Could reduce crowding
4) Could balance out Somerville/Cambridge deficit

EV? ↑
Increases pollution and greenhouse gas.

1) access to green-space is more than just recreation (this is not an acceptable substitute for local open space) ↓

Efficient
1) Think beyond Cambridge - green spaces outside city (e.g. Middlesex)
2) More efficient use of existing open space
- current may be underutilized
- could use activities to attract

Middle
- Should be a regional instead of local service
- No new charge needed (see charge)

Under
1) Disincentives local open space efforts
2) Concern about efficiency of shuttle service → may not work w/ people's time & availability
3)

generally increase mass transit regionally
Should it be with MBTA

shuttle their people to use our infrastructure and a shuttle to DCR lands could be good

We have enough traffic. Why not a shuttle for citizens. Not parks.

ACTION IDEA 6

Pay a stipend to residents who participate on Commissions or other leadership roles in the community

Systemized ~~disincentive~~ Coercion → Participate
No matter \$! ↓

Promotes values?

Undermines values?

Reimbursement if needed

shows opinion is valued

How are participants selected?

people may show up just for \$

is it on a sliding scale

unintended consequences
devaluing other participation

term limits

help lower income people participate
↳ more diverse representation

the same people would get all the \$
↳ would new people show up?

Who feels encouraged to step up?

offset transportation costs of participation
- childcare

what is this?

ACTION IDEA 7

Prioritize people who have lived in Somerville in processes connecting people to public housing or units that accept Section 8 vouchers

Promo

Helps pre Celebrates

Helps accessibility and multi-modal - bikes, baby carriages

Neutral Economically

make all the new units

Need to address state/fed law obstacles

Sustainable to people
New innovative concept

Preserves Community

11,000 - 18,000
affordable
new units
also

Guidelines (70% max)
rent req.

Post-it

25 8493 & 30 8493
16.2 cm
19.43 cm
3M

ACTION IDEA 1

Require all buildings to be Net Zero, meaning they would not produce any carbon emissions

Net Zero
what?
- carbon?
- energy?
→ Passive House
(tight plg envelope)

GREEN NEW DEAL?

PROMOTES VALUES?

Sustainable
Innovative
Accessible
Jobs ~~less~~

from \$?

incentive to do this
supports innovation

+ aiming high

Climate Leadership

Accessible

What does "Require" mean?

UNDERMINE VALUES?

New vs. Old buildings
do all the neighbor loads, not just their own
is there really "net zero"?

why skip old buildings, what about transit etc

who is paying?

emissions
paid?

wrong focus

on-site renewable to offset use is not realistic or affordable

opposite of affirming responsibility for continued innovation → boxes us in

Net Zero ⇒ More expensive to develop ⇒ Residents absorb costs

ACTION IDEA 2

Benchmark the energy use intensity of all buildings and regulate those who use the most energy into building improvements

Promotes values?

Undermines values?

Depends on { what does regulate mean?
who is paying?
How is it enforced?

energy efficiency thru a grant would be efficient

newer buildings should have sustainability requirements wood, solar, good thermal

+ hard on low-income owners
are costs passed on to tenants?

Need incentives + support

could create jobs + skills
Sustainable - lower carbon contribution

High EUI (ie. labs) = \$\$ tax
Burden = ↓ \$
transfer back to residents

where does the \$ come from?

another piece to navigate
- back to those w/ political capital

ACTION IDEA 4

Allow restaurants to implement
BYOB policies with approval
from the Licensing Commission

Promotes values?

Improves Retail
Diversity

Increase Social Interactions

Increases Accessibility

Neutral on Sustainability

Innovative; encourages
Diverse practices

Undermines values?

safety/overselling?

Liability Headaches!

ACTION IDEA 5

Convert some vehicular streets
into pedestrian-only streets
during certain times of day
or week

Promotes values?

- increase sense of community +
- build economic development +
- increase sustainability (reduce vehicular trips) +
- needs to be done in all communities not
just Davis
- Paired w/ econ development, festivals, ART
- reduce vehicle-ped/vehicle-bike conflicts
- encourage biking for populations less likely
to bike near traffic
- encourages people to visit new neighborhoods
- encourages physical activities
in safe manner/space
- reduce emissions
- more public space for people

Undermines values?

- potential for reducing accessibility
esp for vulnerable populations
- increase VMT by driving around?
- Equity issues if neighborhoods excluded
- Bus detours limit utility of
bus network
- Impacts to loading/delay
- road rage from
detoured motorists
- inconsistent times hard
to plan for
- MORE TRAFFIC!

IDEA # 3

ACTION IDEA 3

Require certain developments to rent to independent businesses

a percentage of storefronts

property owners

locally-owned

vs. chain?

values?
rents?
mean?

Could this be "Motivate" or "Incentivize"

Yes:
uni

Could celebrate the character of an existing community.

economic base

may keep \$ circulation locally

attract new shoppers who want to shop outside of chains

by imposing constraints on market opportunities for others

economic base constraints opportunities

How would an owner be protected from assuming the potential risk of a new independent business?

Provide opportunities for new ideas from people or populations with limited resources/capital

who pays for this?
other businesses?
where does it hit the pro-farma?

Community -
depending on kind of independent business, could raise problems (not all independents are desirable)