Amherst Alley Beautification – addressing shared concerns

A cooperation of 6 groups, which provided

• an alumni & student living & learning experience
• several improvements this year
• an exciting vision for the future
• a fundraising opportunity
Amherst Alley – a short history

- 1913 – Delta Psi moves from No. 6 Louisburg Sq, Boston to 428 Charles River Road ((i.e. Memorial Drive)
- 1919 – Phi Beta Epsilon moves to 400 Charles River Road
- 1926 - Delta Kappa Epsilon builds next door
- 1966 – Theta Delta Chi moves from Boston to buy former Dean’s Home next to Baker House
- 1974 – Alpha Tau Omega and Kappa Sigma build twin houses at 405 & 407 on MIT-leased land
- 1984-5 Amherst Alley moved toward Briggs Field
- 2000? – MIT buys Amherst Alley from City
- 2007 – MIT Facilities begins sidewalk renewal along Alley
- Sept, 2008 – Amherst Alley Beautification team first meets
Amherst Alley 2007
an important campus thoroughfare
Amherst Alley Stakeholders Group

- Five fraternities (TDC, PBE, DKE, ATO, KS) and two residence halls (Baker and Burton-Conner)
- Met six times since 9/18/08 – all represented
- Developed RFP in October, 2008 with guidance from architect Tom Stohlman (MIT ‘76)
- Student team selected on November 10 – Ira Winder ‘10 and Anna Kotova ‘10
- Surveys and interviews conducted thru December
- Alternate designs developed during January (IAP)
- “Shared Streets” unanimously supported on February 3
- Scheme 3 finalized in April
- Plans at http://groups.google.com/group/amherst-alley
Scheme 3 – an exciting streetscape
Accomplishments to date

- Consensus vision on future
- Dumpsters removed (ATO, KSA, PBE) – trash goes to Burton and Baker
- Recycling program started
- Integration into Residential Life’s 2030 Vision
- Part of capital campaigns for PBE and DKE
- ATO Reconstruction, new roof with KS
- KS working with Facilities on landscaping
- All planning for more external bike storage

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