

Everyone has a role in the Community Corridor Planning project! On October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, over 130 people filled the cafetorium of the Argenziano School to join their neighbors in talking, thinking, planning, envisioning a Somerville that reflects the needs and wants of the residents as we plan for the new Green Line. People placed their own histories and future hopes on a time line alongside the time line for the Green Line. Participants had the opportunity to see photographs and a video portraying the Green Line Corridor from the eyes of Somerville residents. Chicken legs and black beans were eaten in good company as participants got to know each other. Advisory Team members and other volunteers did everything from set-up, to emceeing, to facilitating the small groups, to cleaning up at the end of the night.

The bulk of the meeting focused on small group activities, where everyone was asked to share a list of important spots in Somerville, and to review principles that had been developed by over 250 residents who had participated in a small group meeting sometime in the last 6 months. Groups were given a pile of cardboard principles, from which they identified up to 12 principles they felt should be prioritized. By night's end, the entire roomful of people had voted on a list of 11 core principles shared by the majority of groups as priority.