

**Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Meeting Notes**

Wednesday, June 3, 2009

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Room 333 City Hall

3:00 pm **Introductions**
Approval of Meeting Notes
Announcements

3:05pm **Bike Walk Ambassador Program – Volunteer Ambassadors**
Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretson is seeking ideas from the PAC on how to structure a walking volunteer ambassador program. The Bike Walk Ambassador Program has already initiated a volunteer ambassador program for bicycling and would like to do a related program for using volunteers to encourage walking.

3:30 pm **Pedestrian Master Plan**
Anna Flintoft will present final draft revisions to the Pedestrian Master Plan to be presented for public review and seek input on the public review process, final public meeting and remaining public engagement on the Plan.

4:00 pm **Future PAC Meeting Agenda Topics**
Bring your ideas of future topics you want the PAC to discuss / address.

PAC Member	Attendees	Representing	Present
X	Jim Adams	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee	
X	James Andrew	Metropolitan Council	
X	Kristen Klingler	Minneapolis Department of Health	
X	Theresa Cain	Metro Transit	
X	Aaron Day	City of Lakes Chamber	
X	Anna Flintoft	Minneapolis Public Works, PAC Chair	X
X	Anna Gillette	7 th Ward Citizen – North Loop	
X	Loretta Grewe	Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities	
X	Stephanie Gruver	4 th Ward Citizen	
X	Diane Hansen	12 th Ward Citizen	
X	Sarah Harris	Walking Minneapolis Foundation	
X	Elizabeth Haugen	Minneapolis Communications Department	X
X	Steven Hay	Minneapolis CPED	
X	Robin Hennessy	City of Minneapolis Attorney's Office	
X	Mary Jackson	Minnesota Department of Transportation	X
X	Karen Nikolai	Hennepin County	
X	Jennifer Ringold	Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	

X	Mike Rumppe	Minneapolis Fire Department	
X	Jan Sandberg	7 th Ward Citizen – Loring Park	X
X	Steve Sanders	University of Minnesota	
X	David Smith	Minneapolis Public Schools	X
X	Mackenzie Turner	Bicycle Advisory Committee	
X	Kathy Waite	Minneapolis Police Department	
X	Mary Watson	6 th Ward Citizen	X
	Jacqueline Scott	Bike Walk Ambassadors	X
	Rebecca Gomez	Bike Walk Ambassadors	X
	Tony Hull	TLC Bike Walk	X
	Martha Hage	Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities	X

Bike Walk Ambassador Program – Volunteer Ambassadors

Jacqueline Scott and Lynnea Atlas-Ingebretsen gave an update on how the ambassador program is using volunteers. Currently, there are 75 volunteers registered with the program, and 45 volunteers who have begun doing bike/walk outreach, which has been primarily bicycling oriented. The ambassadors have done some walking lunchtime workshops.

The target markets for the ambassador program are:

1. Recreational and fitness bikers who have walk/bike for recreation, but not transportation
2. People who live in or work in bike able or walk able communities
3. Communities of color
4. Immigrant communities

If any one knows any one who may be interested in promoting the biking and walking culture to please notify the ambassadors at www.bikewalktwincities.com.

The committee brainstormed opportunities to utilize volunteers for ambassador program walking activities:

- Walking Day Vacations or “Holidays” – an organized walking tour to fun destinations that can be reached via walking/transit – For instance: “Starting out with morning Breakfast in Loring Park visiting the Sculpture Garden w/ someone talking to them about art work. Walking downtown and stopping for a swim at the YMCA having lunch on Nicollet Mall and ending at with a tour in afternoon at Mill City Museum and dinner on Historic Main Street at Tubbs for burgers and fries”
- Neighborhood walking assessments – The ambassadors will be doing some assessments of barriers to walking and biking in a focus group context. This can be done for neighborhood groups and lead to developing neighborhood oriented walking events or materials such as walking maps. Mary Watson expressed interest in the Ventura Village neighborhood doing an assessment.
- A contest coordinated with local media to develop the best walking experience/route/itinerary and then publishing the route maps online or in paper format.

The committee discussed mining existing walking tours and maps, such as history tours, art tours, neighborhood tours on neighborhood organization websites.

Pedestrian Master Plan

Anna Flintoft distributed a summary of changes to the Pedestrian Master Plan currently underway, based upon last month's discussion.

Future PAC Meeting Agenda Topics

The committee brainstormed future meeting agenda topics:

- Roundabouts
- ADA transition plan
- Capital improvement programming process & current pedestrian improvements programmed
- Street lighting policy