

**Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting
Summary Meeting Notes**

June 4, 2008

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Room 319, City Hall

Agenda

- 3:00 pm** **Introductions**
Approval of Meeting Notes
Announcements
- 3:10 pm** **Future Meeting Dates and Times**
Schedule for Completion of Pedestrian Master Plan
- 3:20 pm** **Capital Improvement Priorities Identification & Evaluation** – Craig Williams from TY Lin will describe the results of the Pairwise Comparison exercise previously completed. Anna Flintoft will describe the process for developing and prioritizing a list of pedestrian capital improvement projects.
- 3:35 pm** **Non-Infrastructure Strategies for Increasing Walking** – Craig Williams will lead a discussion of non-infrastructure strategies for walking.
- 4:10 pm** **Accessibility Video** – Charleen Zimmer will play the accessibility video on display at the March pedestrian plan public meeting.
- 4:25 pm** **Review of Action Items**

Attendees

PAC Member	Attendees	Representing	Present
X	Jim Adams	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee	
X	James Andrew	Metropolitan Council	X
X	Theresa Cain	Metro Transit	X
X	Aaron Day	City of Lakes Chamber	X
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
X	Sarah Harris	Walking Minneapolis Foundation	
X	Elizabeth Haugen	Minneapolis Communications Department	X

X	Steven Hay	Minneapolis CPED	X
X	Robin Hennessy	City of Minneapolis Attorney's Office	
X	Mary Jackson	Minnesota Department of Transportation	
X	Karen Nikolai	Hennepin County	
X	David Rak	Minneapolis Dept of Health & Family Support	
X	Jennifer Ringold	Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	X
X	Mike Rumppe	Minneapolis Fire Department	X
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
X	Kathy Waite	Minneapolis Police Department	
X	Mary Watson	6 th Ward Citizen	X
	Patty Bowler	Minneapolis Department of Health	X
	Joni Giese	SRF Consulting Group	X
	Martha Hage	Advisory Committee on People with Disabilities	
	Shanai Matteson	Bike Walk Ambassador Program	X
	Shaun Murphy	Minneapolis Public Works	
	Craig Williams	T. Y. Lin International	X
	Charleen Zimmer	Zan Associates	X
	Joe Kane	Park Board Intern	X

Summary of Items Discussed

Announcements

Anna presented notes from previous PAC meeting. Comments or changes can be emailed to her.

Anna discussed the status of NTP solicitation. Applications can be shared with others – email Anna or Shaun Murphy for a copy of the application. On July 1st the City of Minneapolis will be notified as to which projects were funded. Anna will give an update at the next PAC meeting.

Future Meeting Dates and Times

The next PAC meeting will be shifted to July 2. Anna will send a note to everyone for thoughts or conflicts about which days and times work best going forward.

Schedule for Completion of Pedestrian Master Plan

Anna reported that the Pedestrian Master Plan is continuing on schedule.

Capital Improvement Priorities Identification & Evaluation

Craig Williams from TY Lin International discussed the preliminary results of the pairwise comparison exercise conducted at the previous meeting. The exercise was conducted with PAC members and the Technical Staff Team. The results were examined and combined into a single document which was distributed to the attendees of the meeting. The PAC ranked Safety and

Security as most important criteria, with Accessibility second. Education and Enforcement was least important.

Anna explained that the purpose of the exercise is to create a list of priorities for the capital improvement process. Consultants will put together a master list of projects suggested and will also look at partner agency plans. A mailing went to neighborhood organizations for suggestions. They also will look at traffic and neighborhood data. The initial project list will be brought to the next meeting and sent to neighborhood contacts, city staff, and city council. The consultant team will rank projects in early August, the PAC will review the prioritized list in late August, and the public review will follow PAC review.

Non-Infrastructure Strategies for Increasing Walking

Craig presented Technical Memorandum #10: Non-infrastructure Strategies for Improving the Walking Environment, which includes a survey of existing programming practices around the United States and suggestions for outreach, education and promotion.

Committee comments included:

- Patty Bowler gave an update on the Safe Routes to Schools program. The Health Department will fund a ½ time position in the Minneapolis school district beginning in August. The Steps to a Healthier Minneapolis program has provided funding through 2009. The Mayor has funded the program with mini-grants. A report on the program has been completed. It will be presented to the school board on Tuesday.
- Shanai Matteson gave an update on the Bike Walk Ambassador Program, which is underway. A more detailed update will follow at subsequent meetings.
- Panhandling is a very narrow definition of the safety and security issues. Loitering, drug dealing, pan handling, public urination all constitute “livability crimes.” Discussion of the SAFE ZONE program in downtown Minneapolis could be useful. A Downtown Council survey of employees working downtown revealed a trending of perception that downtown is not safe. Street performances and other activities may help with the perception of safety. Charity events and walks can encourage fun / livable walking spaces.
- The state has allocated money for obesity and tobacco use prevention. Walking and biking could be part of that effort and incorporated into healthcare reform.
- Is there an opportunity to coordinate with the CPED Great Streets program? What opportunities are there for partnerships between the city and neighborhood or business groups? Franklin Avenue Business District is a good example. They used CPED block funding to create a directory of area businesses, plant flowers, and pay a youth organization to remove trash and clean sidewalks. It has been very successful.
- The city should work to encourage businesses and farmer’s markets, which are venues for people to walk to.

- It is also important to create winter weather activities. Lighting is an important factor to people walking outside in winter. Activity and a destination are also important.
- Can we create more activity in the skyways after 5pm? A skyway walking tour of Minneapolis law offices that showcase valuable and interesting artworks would encourage walking in skyways.
- Walking maps would be very useful for people relocating to Minneapolis and deciding where to live. Walkboston.org has many examples of neighborhood maps.

Accessibility Video

The video will be shown at the next meeting.

Action Items

- The next meeting will be July 2nd
- In the meantime, email Anna with any ideas for Non-infrastructure Strategies.
- Email any concerns or comments about future meeting days and times.