

MINNEAPOLIS PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2010 Review

Our mission is to advise the Mayor and City Council on policies, programs, and actions for improving pedestrian safety, mobility, accessibility, and comfort; for promoting walking for transportation, recreation, and health purposes; and for strengthening the linkage between the pedestrian environment and public transportation.

To Mayor Rybak, City Council, and our fellow citizens:

Last year was an exciting one for the Pedestrian Advisory Committee. We would like to take the opportunity of the New Year to reflect upon our work and bring you up to speed. We would also like to thank you for your continued support of a vibrant pedestrian environment in the city. It is an honor to advise such receptive leaders!

“Imagine a city where we can walk safely down every single street and where prosperity reaches every corner. ... Where you can take a streetcar or a bike or even walk to great jobs and stores nearby. Imagine a city where every kid grows up knowing they can succeed.”
~ Mayor Rybak

In 2010:

- Council expanded our membership to 15 voting community members, and the PAC adopted bylaws for the first time since the committee’s inception;
- The PAC gained a greater understanding of pedestrian conditions with field walks through the Warehouse District, Target Field area, and Cedar-Riverside; and
- The PAC conducted a thorough review of and strategized around the City’s snow shoveling campaign.

As you can see, it was a busy year for us! We are confident that 2011 will be even more fruitful thanks to our restructuring, your continued support, and the assistance of our committed City staff liaison, Anna Flintoft.

Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can best serve the City. Wishing you a walk-friendly New Year!

Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Philip Ailiff, James Andrew, Neal Baxter, Jack Garland, Anna Gillette, Matti Gurney (Chair), Martha Hage, Diane Hansen, Elizabeth Haugen, Dan Herber, Tony Hull, Amy Loegering, Silvia Magana, David Smith, and Kelly Wilder (Vice-Chair)

PAC priorities in 2011 include:

- Pedestrian safety in work zones
- Issues related to accessibility for all and specifically the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Implementation of the Minneapolis Pedestrian Master Plan
- Increasing diversity of the PAC through new appointments
- Seeking national *Walk Friendly Communities* recognition for the City's commitment to pedestrian issues

“Above all, do not lose your desire to walk. Every day I walk myself into a state of well-being and walk away from every illness. I have walked myself into my best thoughts, and I know of no thought so burdensome that one cannot walk away from it.”
~ Soren Kierkegaard



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