

Meeting of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee, July 11, 2012

Present: Phillip Ailiff, Neal Baxter, Stephen Bossert, Jennifer Edwards, Scott Engel, Diane Hansen, Donna Hemp, Dan Herber, Tony Hull, Peter Janelle, Jacqueline Knight, Andrea Long, Don Ostrom, Julia Tabbut; Mackenzie Turner Bargaen, James Andrew, Rose Ryan, Julie Danzl, Gina Mitteco, Leslie Foreman, Shaun Murphy.

Chairman Don Ostrom called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM, then asked all present to introduce themselves.

Minutes—Neal Baxter

Andrea moved approval of the minutes for June, Julia seconded. Approved.

Committee & Agency Updates

Rose Ryan: a workshop for the Hennepin County Pedestrian Plan will be held with Council Member Don Samuels, at 1931 W. Broadway, on July 30.

James Andrews: the Metro Council has approved funding for the 6th Ave. N., Hennepin-Lyndale and 10th Ave. bridge projects.

Tony Hull: has accepted a new job with the Tool Design Group, in the DC area. He starts in August, and will continue to serve on the PAC, with Dan Herber taking over as chair of the Programs & Policies subcommittee.

Shaun Murphy: Public Works has fixed the problematical semaphore light at Lake St. & 21st Avenue. Pedestrians now will see a consistent WALK signal there.

Snow Removal Next Steps

Shaun: the Council has a low opinion of our proposal for a new fine schedule.

Scott: Gary Schiff is in favor, but no one else seems to be. Working with the Disability Committee would be helpful.

Tony: Ken, its chairman, is enthusiastic about pooling our resources.

Shaun: Glidden seems to be the chief opponent of our proposal on the Council.

Leslie: her objection focuses on the financial burden felt by citizens on fixed incomes. A pilot program has begun in Lowry Hill East which would shorten the process for removing snow at

problem properties. The scant snowfall last winter made judging the usefulness of this new procedure difficult.

Communicating Committee Action Items

Don: do we need a project manager for each item?

Tony: our committee decided to design an approach to pursue for each item we propose.

Don: PAC Agency members should be able to offer invaluable advice on how to push our agendas.

Dan, Donna, Scott and Neal agreed to form an ad-hoc committee to sell the snow removal plan.

Engineering & Infrastructure Subcommittee—Andrea Long & Scott Engel

Central Avenue Resurfacing: intersections will get new curb ramps when their new APS signals are installed. PAC can help decide which intersections should take priority. Unlike suburbs, Mpls must pay for all signals installed on MSA routes.

Andrea read the following: RESOLVED: that Public Works implement ADA-compliant curb ramps throughout corridor at all legal crosswalk intersections across TH 65. PAC also recommends that pedestrian crossing restrictions be lifted at Central & 2nd St. SE and at 3rd Ave. & 1st St. S. The PAC applauds all other curb-ramp replacements and APS signal upgrades along TH 65.

Approved.

Minnehaha Avenue Project: under scrutiny. Committee will present PAC with resolution when useful.

Training Topics: Julia suggested adding useful information to our meeting papers, and training during subcommittee meetings.

Programs & Policies Subcommittee—Tony Hull

Committee discussed crosswalk flags for pedestrians to use while crossing the street.

Columbus and Madison both have them.

ADA Transition Plan has stalled, due to change of leadership. Bill Fellows is the new head.

Bike/Ped Work Plan: Shaun needs PAC's help with the Council, in order to fix his group's size, etc.

New Member Orientation—Shaun Murphy

Members, new and continuing, introduced themselves at some length, giving their reasons for membership on the committee, and what-not. After this, new members were sworn in.

Then Shaun covered the following topics for the benefit of our new colleagues:

The Pedestrian Master Plan

PAC bylaws

PAC principles

What PAC accomplished in 2011, and our priorities for 2012.

Adjournment

Neal moved, and Peter seconded. Approved, at 5:30 PM.