

Minneapolis Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Present: Emily Antin, Neal Baxter, Shaina Brassard, Alex Cecchini, Julie Curran, Scott Engel, Dan Herber, Don Ostrom, Tamir Ali Mohamud, Julia Tabbut; Matthew Dyr Dahl, Mackenzie Turner, Sarah Stewart, Joe Bernard, Gina Mitteco, Kelley Yemen, Ben Somogyi, Mike Mechtenberg, Heidi Schallberg

Welcome

Shaina Brassard called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Don moved to approve the minutes for the December meeting; Tamir seconded. Approved.

Infrastructure & Engineering Subcommittee—Scott Engel

We discussed four topics. First, 46th Street, which will be resurfaced from Nicollet to Cedar and one lane of traffic removed. Bike lanes will be added.

Franklin Avenue is due for a resurfacing in 2016. Hennepin County will spend extra funds on curbs and striping. Current plan proposes to eliminate northbound traffic on Minnehaha (past Taco bell), and take out left turns onto 20th Avenue and from Minnehaha Avenue. Franklin will retain 2 east-bound lanes, and possibly lose 1 lane westbound. Bike lanes will run from 16th through 21st Avenues. This work is scheduled for 2016.

We also looked at how to systematize the safety funding that is scattered throughout the City budget, in order to bring that funding to bear more effectively on pedestrian projects. This Pedestrian & Bike Safety Initiative, so called, will command \$955,000 for parklets, crash studies and more.

The Metro Council's Regional Solicitation came up, and how PAC can effectively propose projects using these funds.

Discussion followed:

Kelley: the County needs PAC's input this month.

Heidi: the Metro Council could come to subcommittee with an overview of the project.

Joe: December/January is the ideal time to generate projects to propose all year (for CLIC, the Solicitation, etc.).

Shaina: let's ask the Metro Council to come to the full PAC in February.

Don: \$75K buys how many parklets for how many years?

MTB: now that the program is set up, \$75,000 will pay for 3 parklets owned by the City and 4 private ones, each summer.

Programs & Policies Subcommittee—Shaina Brassard

Due to Christmas, we had a small group last month. However, we critiqued about the Walkable Community Workshop. We especially liked the idea of WOW streets, that vastly improve walking in one neighborhood and promote similar upgrades by example. Road diets and focusing on intersections and crossings attracted us, too.

We talked about how to choose which streets to select for WOW treatment, including Hennepin County's roads; the importance of mixed use and focusing on the needs of the disabled. What's good for the disabled is good for all.

MD: if we coordinated all the jurisdictions and focused them on 5 "wowable" streets around town, that would be something. Also, we need to promote a middle level of road work between resurfacing and reconstruction.

Shaina: it would be helpful if all PAC members could read the notes from the Workshop.

Staff Updates—Matthew Dyr Dahl

Complete Streets—we're going to meet with all the stakeholders, work out better language and bring the result back to the PAC & BAC.

Winter Biking & Walking Conditions Evaluation begins on the 11th.

I'll send out soon the 2016 PAC schedule; only the P & P meeting for next December should change.

Tracking resolutions—we're going to start reporting each month on the effect our resolutions have, and also post them where we all can refer to them (Google Docs, perhaps).

MTB: Some of you still need to take the ethics training test. This must be finished by March.

Alex: PAC needs a police representative.

NB: the City cleaned corners along 38th Street on Monday. Recall that PAC proposed this, persuaded Public Works to schedule it and the Council to pay for it. A victory for the PAC!

Emily: my new job requires me to step down as vice-chair of PAC.

Shaina: the family of the Dec. 31 hit-and-run victim would appreciate a letter of support from PAC.

Neal moved to adjourn: Julia C. seconded. Approved, and adjourned at 5:08 PM.