

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND ACCESS TASK FORCE
MEETING #12 – MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Basement Conference Room – Larcom City Hall

Attendees:

Task Force Members Present, 7; Scott Campbell; Kenneth Clark ; Linda Diane Feldt; Anthony Pinnell; Jim Rees; Sarah Pressprich Gryniewicz; Vivienne Armentrout;
Task Force Members Absent, 2: Neal Elyakin; Owen Jansson;
Public Present, 6: Larry Deck; Kathy Griswold; Eric Lipson; Seth Peterson; Clark Charnetski; Eleanor Linn; refer to Attachment B for sign-in sheet
City Staff Present, 1: Connie Pulcifer;
Consultant Present (The Greenway Collaborative), 2: Norman Cox and Carolyn Prudhomme

Re: Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force Meeting

Meeting Called to Order: 5:00 pm

1. Introductions.
2. Changes to agenda: None, unanimously approved
3. Public Commentary:
 1. Seth Peterson – Midblock crosswalks on Stadium, Plymouth and Washtenaw should be designed correctly or not be put in at all. The crosswalk designs are inadequate to inform drivers or protect pedestrians. The biggest problems with these crosswalk is that the variable that determines whether or not drivers stop is not the presence of a big yellow sign or flashing light, but presence of a pedestrian; who has a much smaller presence on the roadway. Consequently pedestrians are not seen soon enough for vehicles to safely stop. The solution to the problem is to slow traffic at crosswalks, so pedestrians can be seen with enough time for cars to stop for them. Physical cues, such as rumble strips and raised crosswalks, are needed at crosswalks to get drivers to slow down before passing over a crosswalk.
 2. Eric Lipson – Attended second public meeting on improvements to Stadium Blvd between Seventh and Kipke. Issues regarding inadequate lighting and marking in front of Pioneer High School (at Edgewood) were brought up. Based on a study at that intersection improvements to the crosswalk, including rectangular rapid flash beacons, are warranted. Non-committal on whether these improvements would happen prior to 2016. Existing crosswalks on Stadium between Maple and Pauline only have the white “stop here for pedestrian” signs, and do not have the yellow diamond warning signs or advance warning signs. These crosswalks should be addressed right away. A woman was hit by a car at one of these crosswalks in August 2014. The City shouldn't be hesitant to fix that crosswalk after that accident, because subsequent remedial actions are not admissible to show negligence. Congratulations on the street light moratorium being revoked.
4. Changes to notes and minutes from last meeting: None, unanimously approved

5. Update on First Reading of the Proposed Sidewalk Snow & Ice Ordinance
6. Subcommittee Updates
7. Proposed Process to Consider draft recommendations
 1. "Move to use the provided worksheets as a means to identify and refine draft recommendations that will be brought back to the Task Force for further consideration." - Moved by S.Pressprich Gryniewicz, A.Pinnell – approved.
8. Discussion and Consideration of Draft Recommendations
 1. The Task Force provided comments on draft recommendations for planning and engineering.
9. Discussion of next steps
10. Public Commentary
 1. Clark Charnetski – spacing between crosswalks should coordinate with transit stops. Other transit agencies should be included, not just AAATA. Signal timing should be considered for pedestrians, not just motorists, for the downtown grid. Timing should be set both by motor vehicle speeds and pedestrian speeds. Traffic calming has the problem of traffic being shifted to other neighborhood streets. Has to be a city-wide discussion.
 2. Larry Deck – Concerned about the idea of banning adult cyclists on sidewalks, as in some areas/cases there's a significant danger to cyclists biking on the roads. Crosswalk design is vital – Boulder has guidelines for how to design crosswalks depending on the conditions at that location.
 3. Eleanor Linn – Construction sites require more coordination – there are times/locations where both sides of the road have signs telling pedestrians to cross to the other side. On spacing of crosswalks, there has been a move in the downtown to put in pedestrian shortcuts – alleys, etc – but when you get to the roadway, there is no crosswalk there. Those locations should be considered for crosswalks. With regard to the sidewalk snow/ice clearing, it would be useful to have examples of how clearing is required.
 4. Kathy Griswold – The streetlight moratorium has been removed at a recent Council meeting. The Pittsfield Township crosswalk on Carpenter uses many of the best practices. Ann Arbor staff often makes recommendations for crosswalks based on cost and funding, even though the actual design doesn't meet best practices.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm. Minutes taken by Sec. Clark

[Secretary note: for all of these meetings there will be two records of the meeting. These minutes are a record of official actions taken and public commentary. Ann Arbor City staff and/or the consultant on this project, the Greenway Collaborative, will produce a second record of the discussion points of the meeting, with more detail. Both of these records will be available on the Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force Google Drive repository, available through the City of Ann Arbor website at www.a2gov.org/departments/systems-planning/Transportation/Pages/Pedestrian-Safety-and-Access-Task-Force.aspx]

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MEETING #12- DISCUSSION SUMMARY**

Note: This is not a direct transcription of the meeting discussion. The following summary has been developed from notes taken during the meeting; comments are paraphrased. Where staff and consultants provided information and responses they are shown in italics.

- Approval of Agenda:
 - Unanimous approval.
- Approval of Meeting # 10 Minutes and Discussion Summary:
 - Unanimous approval.
- Update on the Proposed Sidewalk Snow and Ice Ordinance:
 - *Proposed amendment was approved (9-2 vote) at first reading at the March 2nd Council Meeting. There was a proposed amendment to the ordinance at the meeting to maintain a slightly revised version of the 1" threshold, which did not pass (6-5 vote). Might expect staff to slightly tweak of ordinance language in the next week before March 16th City Council Meeting to clarify language, but would not change the intent.*
 - *Public Hearing and action takes place on March 16th in City Council Chamber. There is no limit to number of people who can speak at a public hearing. CTN video of March 2nd meeting is available and can be accessed through Legistar, discussion item C-2. Discussion occurs around minute 1:52.*
 - *Hope to see all of the winter^maintenance subcommittee members will show up to the March 16th meeting.*
- *Subcommittees:*
 - *It would be helpful if taskforce member could let C.Pulcipher and K.Coleman know, 48 hours ahead of time, if they plan on attending a subcommittee meeting or not.*
 - S. Pressprich Gryniwicz unable to make March 11th Winter Maintenance Subcommittee.
 - V. Armentrout and J. Rees plan to attend the March 9th Crosswalk Consistency Subcommittee.
 - J. Rees will be unable to make the May 6th Crosswalk Consistency Meeting.
 - A.Pinnell plans to attend the March 18th Crosswalk Education/Outreach/Enforcement/Law Subcommittee
 - *Linda Evens may be attending the March 9th Crosswalk Consistency Meeting.*
 - *Subcommittee members are responsible for creating their own agendas and preparing meeting summaries.*
- Proposed Process to Consider Planning and Engineering Recommendations:

Attachment B: Sign-in Sheet

- How do these draft recommendations relate to the product we have been working on over the last few months; do we have an outline of how this will go together? Refer to the [Pedestrian Safety Access Plan Working Outline](#). Outcomes from these meetings will be incorporated into the outline.
- This process does not address priorities. We will be setting priorities later in the process after draft recommendations have been established.
- We will continue to provide PDF and DOCX versions of the homework worksheets. If individual members are having a difficult time with these formats C. Prudhomme will work to get the worksheet to them in a format that is more compatible.
- It would be helpful if the recommendations were numbered.
- How do new recommendations get incorporated into the process? We will be focusing thematically on recommendations at the meeting; however we will compile any additional recommendations and integrate them into an appropriate, future meeting.
- The Task Force moves to use the provided worksheets as a means to identify and refine draft recommendations that will be brought back to the Task Force for further consideration at this and all upcoming meetings.
 - V. Armentrout supports proposed process.
 - S. Pressprich Gryniewicz made motion and A. Pinnell seconded.
 - Unanimous approval.
- Discussion and Consideration of Draft Recommendations:
 - Please refer to [Meeting #12 Homework Results](#) for a compiled summary of results from the recommendations worksheet.
- Next Steps:
 - The Task Force approved of the process used to draft recommendation and will continue to use this process for the upcoming recommendation meetings.
 - Education, Enforcement and Legislation Recommendations – Roles and Responsibilities
 - Winter Maintenance – Winter Maintenance Subcommittee
 - Crossing the Road – Crosswalk Education/Outreach/Enforcement/Law Subcommittee
 - Sidewalks and Shared Use Paths – J. Rees
 - Traffic Management – K. Clark
 - Bicycle Related – K. Clark
 - Transit Related – S. Pressprich Gryniewicz
 - Work Zone Related – J. Rees
 - Land Use / Site Design – S. Campbell
 - Roundabouts – L.D. Feldt
 - The Task Force will receive an email on the process and timeline for preparing and submitting recommendations prior to the next Task Force meeting on April 1st.

Attachment C: Agenda



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Chair: Linda Diane Feldt

Secretary: Ken Clark

1. Introductions 5:00 – 5:05 pm
2. Approval of Agenda 5:05 – 5:10 pm
3. Public Commentary (3 minutes/speaker, limit three speakers) 5:10 – 5:20 pm
4. Approval of Meeting #11 Discussion Summary 5:20 – 5:25 pm
5. Update on First Reading of the Proposed Sidewalk Snow & Ice Ordinance 5:25 – 5:35 pm
6. Subcommittees 5:35 – 5:40 pm
 - a) Meeting Procedures and Cancellations
 - b) Confirmation of Attendance at Future Meetings
7. Proposed Process to Consider Draft Recommendations 5:40 – 5:50 pm
 - a) Potential Motion to Evaluate Draft Recommendations
8. Discussion and Consideration of Draft Recommendations 5:50 – 6:40 pm
 - a) See Draft Recommendation Worksheet
9. Next Steps 6:40 – 7:00 pm
 - a) Process for Resource Group input on Task Force draft recommendation (5 minutes)
 - b) April 1st Task Force Meeting – Education , Enforcement and Legislation (10 minutes)
 - c) Round #2 Public Engagement (5 minutes)
10. Public Commentary (3 minutes/speaker)