

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND ACCESS TASK FORCE
MEETING #16 – MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Location: Basement Conference Room – Larcom City Hall

Attendees:

Task Force Members Present, 6; Scott Campbell; Kenneth Clark ; Linda Diane Feldt;
Owen Jansson; Anthony Pinnell (via Skype); Jim Rees;

Task Force Members Absent, 2: Neal Elyakin; Sarah Pressprich Gryniewicz

Public Present, 4: Kathy Griswold; Seth Peterson; Eric Lipson; Linda Evans; refer to
Attachment B for sign-in sheet

City Staff Present, 1: Connie Pulcipher

Consultant Present (The Greenway Collaborative), 2: Norman Cox and Carolyn
Prudhomme

Re: Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force Meeting

Meeting minutes were not recorded.

[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]

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND ACCESS TASK FORCE
MEETING #16- 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 # 15 Minutes and Discussion Summary:
 - Unanimous approval.
- Moratorium on Crosswalks
 - The Task Force letter from the June 3rd meeting was delivered to City Council and there has been no response from City Council.
 - No further action was taken.
- Refine and Vote on Recommendations to include in Final Draft of Recommendations
 - **Moved by O. Jansson; Seconded by A.Pinnell: Move to expedite the consideration of the items to be incorporated into the final draft recommendations to be shared with the public in July a formal motion, second and vote will not be utilized for each item. After discussion of each item and the incorporation of proposed revisions, a show of hands will be used to approve the draft language as recorded in the PSATF Draft Recommendations to City Council Document (updated 7/1/15).**

Motion Approved Unanimously

- Please refer to [*Pedestrian Safety and Access Task Force recommendations for City Council, Working Draft, July 7th*](#) for an overview of recommendations that were approved for inclusion in the Final Draft Recommendations.
- Please note that the following two items were voted down and are not included in the document:
 - **OBJECTIVE NO. 5: REDUCE DISTRACTIONS AND MINIMIZE CONSEQUENCES:**
G. Main Street and Stadium Boulevard Intersection Improvements – Given the prominence of this intersection, its proximity to Pioneer High School and the amount of foot traffic that moves through this intersection during football, basketball and other special events throughout the year, this area’s landscape and facilities should be designed to be welcoming, comfortable and safe for pedestrians. State-of-the-art pedestrian facilities and signals paired with traffic calming techniques should be employed to ensure safety and access for all pedestrians. Pathways should be wide enough to accommodate large crowds and separate bicycle and pedestrian pathways should be employed.

Attachment B: Discussion Summary

- **IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES: NO. 3. FUNDING**
 - *C. Proportional Funding – The proportion of all transportation funding (from Federal, State and local sources) allocated towards pedestrian safety and access projects (currently around 4%) should substantially increase to more closely reflect the following: (1) the number of residents who walk to work as identified by the Census’s American Community Survey, currently 16%; (2) the percent of all crashes involving a pedestrian, currently 16%; (3) the percent of all crashes resulting in an incapacitating injury to a pedestrian, currently 23%; and (4) the percent of all crashes resulting in pedestrian fatality, currently 35%.*
 - *City Staff will be providing a detailed overview of the public engagement process which will be included in the documents appendix.*
- **Public Comments:**
 - Kathy Griswold – Think it is important for the Task Force to maintain all the good will it possibly can to get the recommendations of the Task Force moving forward and funded. There are major issues with infrastructure. A2 FixIt helps to identify those issues, however some tickets are being closed even though the problem is not fixed. Many times the issues gets passed along to another agency, such as the DDA, the ticket gets closed, but the problem is not resolved. There are over two dozen of street lights out along Washtenaw and Stadium. We need street lighting at all crosswalks.
 - Eric Lipson – A “block the box” ordinance is needed to reduce congestion and improve general safety at intersections. Enforcement of the ordinance should be emphasized during football games, major events and on Main Street.
 - Seth Peterson – Do cars have to stop for bicycles waiting at a crosswalk, like they would a pedestrian? Seems to be a grey area. Bike lanes should be delineated with cones to give an extra buffer to bicycles when they are next to cars. Street width should be minimized when roadways are reconstructed.

Attachment B: Sign-in Sheet



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SIGN-IN SHEET - PEDESTRIAN SAFETY & ACCESS TASK FORCE

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NAME

Kathy Grunwald

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Eric Lipsan

Linda Evans

Attachment C: Approved Agenda



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Chair: Linda Diane Feldt

Secretary: Ken Clark

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| 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 #15 Minutes and Discussion Summary | 5:20 – 5:25 pm |
| 5. Draft Outline Agenda's & Work Plan | 5:25 – 5:35 pm |
| a) A2 Open City Hall Feedback Opportunity & Community Wide Meeting on July 8th | |
| 6. Moratorium on Crosswalks | 5:35 – 5:45 pm |
| 7. Refine and Vote on Recommendations to Include in Final Draft | 5:45 – 6:55 pm |
| 8. Next Steps | 6:55 – 7:00 pm |
| a) August 5 th Task Force Meeting | |
| 9. Public Commentary (3 minutes/speaker) | |
| 10. Continuation of item #7 as necessary | |

The meeting time was extended to 8pm to address item #10