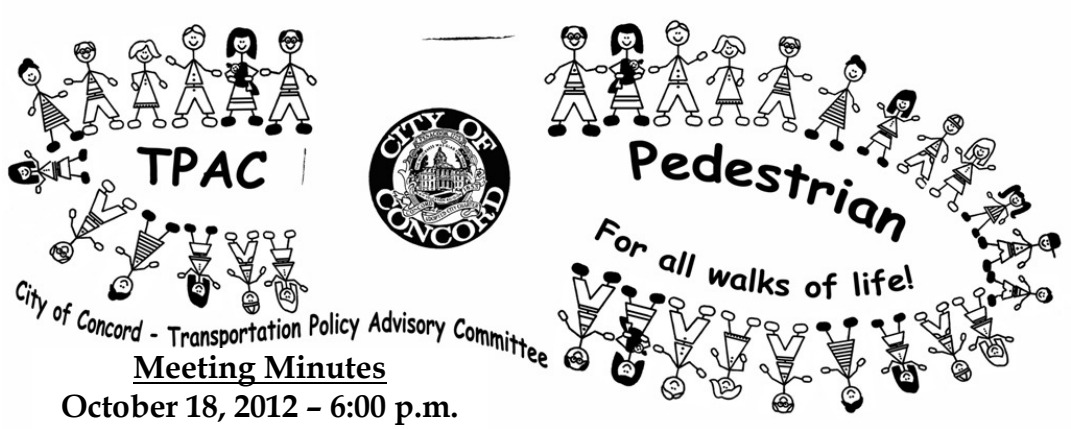

Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Introductions

Committee Members Present:
Alex Vogt (Chair)
Colette L. Farland-Vogt
Ursula Maldonado
Bill Hodges
Jeff Warner (City staff representative)

Committee Members Not Present:
Dick Lemieux
Liz Richardson

Guests/Friends of the Pedestrian Committee:

Review / Accept Minutes

Minutes from the September 20, 2012 meeting were accepted as amended. The November and December meetings are to be combined on December 6 and not cancelled as noted.

Schedule of Future Meetings

The next meeting is Thursday, December 6, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Discussion and Action Items

Pedestrian master plan

Alex is working on reformatting the document to follow the 5-E's (Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Encouragement, Evaluation). Ursula, who is writing the education section, has been looking at other communities of similar size for additional ideas. The target audience will be the City Council, Planning Board, planners, engineers, developers, schools, seniors, etc.

Pedestrian counting program

Nothing to update.

Car free days, road closures for events

Colette reported that they would like to team with the Capital Area Health Coalition/Center for Health Promotion (CHP)/Concord Hospital where those organizations, which have more people and connections, would take the lead. Additional team partners might include: the YMCA, Historical Society, Red River Theater, Joe King (shoe fitting), and the City (Police could teach bike safety). TPAC agreed to have Colette, Ursula and Bill meet with CHP to get a feel for their interest. Colette also indicated that they ultimately envision closing a block once a month and offer activities like a fun run and scavenger hunts.

Sidewalk Lighting Levels

Jeff presented a plan with measured lighting levels along Main Street. The American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) recommends an average lighting level of 2.0 footcandles for sidewalks. Many areas are well below this recommendation. The portions along the west side from the Coop driveway to Pleasant Street and along the east side from Pleasant Street to Dos Amigos are reasonably lit. The area in front of the Smile building had a reading of 3.0 foot candles based on wall mounted sconces and internal lighting. The overhead street lighting was out at the time the measurements were taken.

The committee agreed that the AASHTO levels would likely be reasonable for Main Street. They also felt that whatever fixture is selected, it should be dark sky compliant.

Main Street Project Advisory Committee (PAC)

Alex distributed a copy of the decision matrix that TPAC has been using to determine their recommended alternative(s) for the PAC to consider. He asked the committee to review the matrix and forward any comments they may have to him so that he can share them with TPAC.