

# Call to Order/Introductions

<u>Committee Members Present:</u>

Alex Vogt (Chair)
Colette L. Farland-Vogt
Bill Hodges
Liz Richardson
Ursula Maldonado
Jeff Warner (City staff representative)

Members Absent:

Dick Lemieux

### **Review / Accept Minutes**

Minutes from the June 21, 2012 meeting were accepted.

### **Schedule of Future Meetings**

The next meeting is Thursday, August 16, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

### **On-going Discussion and Action Items**

# A. Walk Friendly Report Card, Priorities

## • Pedestrian master plan

Alex distributed a draft outline for the master plan and requested review and comment. The outline is modeled after other plans Alex was able to review. It is expected that the Master Plan will cross reference works that have been completed by other groups with the city, i.e. weeble policy, ADA transition plan. The plan is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year. The Planning Board and City Council will need to review and adopt/accept the plan before it will be used as a guiding document for the city.

# • <u>Pedestrian counting program</u>

TPAC-B was working with Central NH Bicycle Coalition on a bicycle/pedestrian counting program. The organization who was volunteering to provide the manpower for the count withdrew their offer due to insufficient volunteers. Alex indicated that Cindy Heath, an advocate for the active living has suggested the use of an ECO Counter. The committee should consider whether there are locations where the use of such a counter may be useful. There may be an opportunity to share the cost between a few organizations.

#### • Car free days, road closures for events

Colette suggested that those who are interested in planning a car free day get together at a separate meeting.

# B. Friendly Kitchen Walking Route

Alex drafted a letter for TPAC to consider. The expected action is that City Council will recommend that the State maintain the sidewalk along I-393 as required by ADA and/or establish a rail crossing to serve the clients of the Friendly Kitchen. Ursula volunteered to edit the draft and return comments to Alex in time for discussion at the next TPAC meeting.

# C. Sidewalk Lighting Levels

This item continues to be tabled until such time that lighting levels can be measured along Main Street.

#### D. Sidewalk between Horseshoe Pond Lane and Commercial Street

Jeff informed the group that Mr. Morrill, the owner of the adjacent farm, has confronted cyclists who are using the sidewalk to inform them that the facility is a sidewalk and they should not be riding on the sidewalk.

### E. Pedestrian Crossing Times at Signalized Intersections

The committee discussed pedestrian crossing at major traffic signals. Members have observed pedestrians display their frustrations or cross without benefit of the pedestrian signals due to an assumed exceedingly long traffic light cycle. The group questioned how long it is acceptable for a pedestrian to wait at a traffic signal and can signs be placed at a signal to inform pedestrians after what traffic movement they will receive a walk light?

## F. Boys and Girls Club

The Boys and Girls Club has a plan before the Planning Board for an addition to the building, construction of a parking lot and reconstruction of Bradley Street. Jeff explained the initial design, with a sidewalk along the west side of Bradley Street, and the revised design with an 8' shared use path along the east side of the street. The revised design is the result of a concerned resident who pointed out that Bradley Street is the only access to the park from the south and as such, should accommodate children and parents walking and bicycling to the park.

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