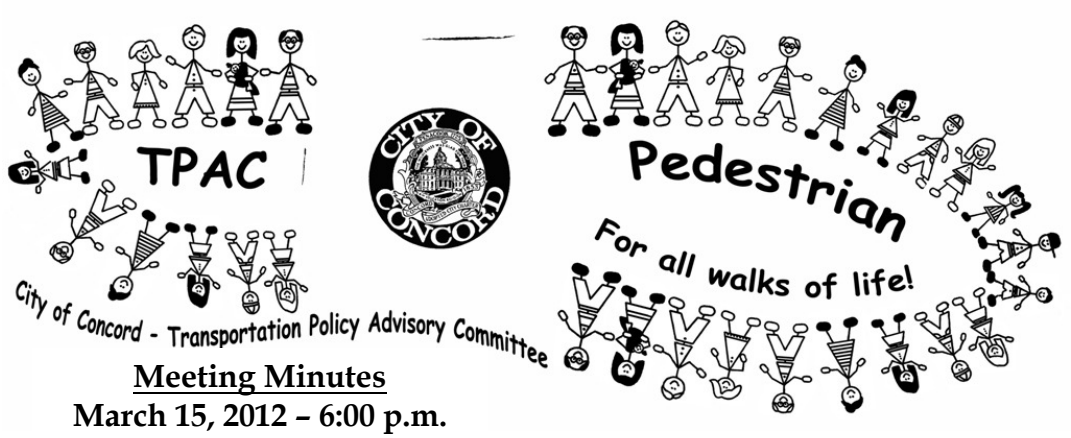

Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Introductions

Committee Members Present:
Alex Vogt (Chair)
Bill Hodges
Dick Lemieux
Ursula Maldonado
Jeff Warner (City staff representative)

Members Absent:
Colette L. Farland-Vogt
Liz Richardson

Guests:
Jim Major, City of Concord General Services
Chip Chesley, City of Concord General Services

Review / Accept Minutes

Minutes from the December meeting were accepted.

Schedule of Future Meetings

The next meeting is Thursday, May 3, 2012, 6:00 p.m. (May 17 conflicts with the Rock-n-Race)

Discussion and Action Items

A. Plow Routes to Serve the Friendly Kitchen

Jim Major and Chip Chesley attended the meeting to get input from the committee on a proposed approach to plow the sidewalks leading to the proposed site of the Friendly Kitchen at the intersection of Commercial Street and S. Commercial Street. A map of the area was provided. The proposal would be funded as a "service" which will be contracted out to a third party and specifically funded by City Council. A Program Change Request will be submitted as part of the budget process to obtain funding.

The route includes sidewalks along North Main Street from Storrs Street to Horseshoe Pond Lane to Commercial Street. These sidewalks are owned and maintained by the City. The committee felt that the route was not acceptable as shown since the route is circuitous. Walkers to the Friendly Kitchen likely will walk behind the former Rumford Press building and cross the railroad tracks. This is not a legal crossing. A better route was suggested to take N. Main Street and the sidewalk along I-393 to S. Commercial St. It was pointed out to

the committee that the sidewalk along I-393 is not City responsibility, it is State DOT and this section would be difficult to maintain due to the amount of snow from the multiple lanes and with the guardrail leaving no place to push the snow. The committee felt that the I-393 route should be pursued with the State DOT with perhaps the State DOT providing funds for the City to do the work. This will need to be discussed further to develop a letter that the City can send to the DOT .

B. Plow Routes to Serve the Schools

Similar to the above, Jim Major and Chip Chesley attended the meeting to get input from the committee on the proposed plow routes to serve all the schools. The proposal would be funded as a "service" and be completed by city forces. A Program Change Request will be submitted as part of the budget process to obtain funding for additional part time staff and equipment. Maps of the routes were provided.

The proposed routes for the schools were acceptable with some minor suggestions. The routes will be reviewed with the school department.

C. Penacook Charrette

Jeff gave a short summary of the March 10, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Penacook Charrette indicating that there was a good turnout of approximately 50 people. The focus of the charrette was the Route 3 corridor. The group was separated into 5 groups, each of which rotated between five tables covering different subjects. The input will be summarized into one document after completion of the April 19, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm charrette.

D. Transition Plan

The draft ADA plan was discussed. It provides important information on the condition of all the sidewalks in the City and gives them a ADA score. Some edits and updates will need to be done. Overall the plan is a great resource that will identify problem areas and priorities. The City of Concord is well ahead of other communities concerning this important issue.

E. Walk Friendly Report Card, Priorities

Jeff will email the list to those individuals who have yet to complete the list for them to complete prior to the next meeting.

F. Lighting of Pedestrian Ways

This item will be tabled until Jeff obtains light meter readings at the locations previously identified.