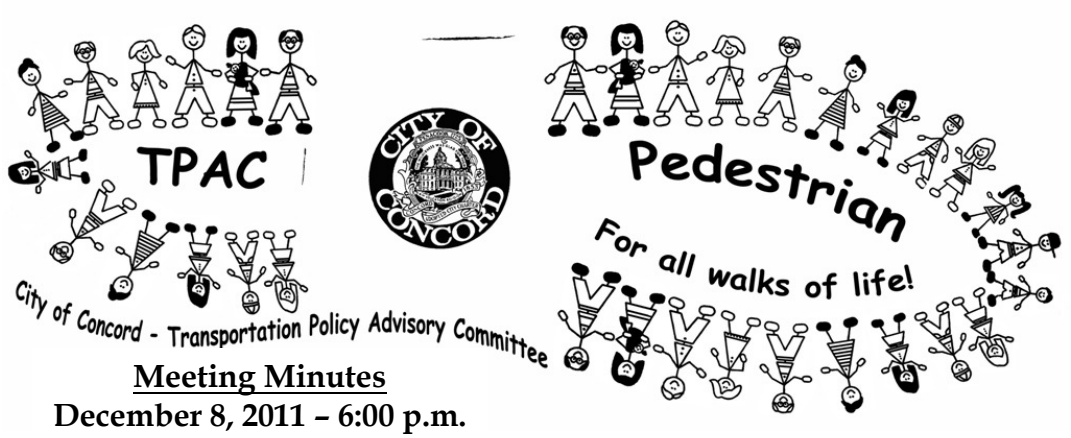

Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Introductions

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

Members Absent:
Dick Lemieux

Guests:
Terri Paige

Review / Accept Minutes

Minutes from the October meeting were accepted as amended (spelling correction).

Schedule of Future Meetings

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

On-going Discussion and Action Items

A. Walk Friendly Report Card, Priorities

Similar to last month, members should rate all the priorities as identified at earlier meetings from 1-5 and send Jeff their rankings. Jeff will enter the rankings prior to the next meeting. From the composite spreadsheet, the top priorities will easily be identified.

B. Lighting of Pedestrian Ways

In an effort to identify what an adequately lit downtown is, members were asked to walk Main Street and identify areas that they feel are adequately or poorly lit. After areas have been identified, light meter measurements can be taken and light fixture data can be gathered with the goal of determining a reasonable lighting level that could be incorporated into the City's development requirements/guidelines.

Bill noted that in the '50s, Unitil reviewed and set the street lighting. There should be some measure of adequacy / uniformity based on Unitil's efforts.

The committee observed the following:
UM: Too uniform in front of the Smile Building, but otherwise nice.

AV/CV: Too bright at Smile Building. Smile lighting breaks the continuity of downtown. Red River is okay. Dark at Thorns. Dark in front of the State House and at the bus stop at Main and Park Streets.

JW: Acceptable at NE and SW corners at Main and Pleasant. Acceptable light levels under the lights at the Smile building. The lights at the Smile Building are too bright from afar. Acceptable along the frontage of the Barley House due to numerous building mounted light fixtures.

New Business

A. Pedestrian/Bike Counting Program

The committee reviewed a draft map of proposed counting locations that Jeff forwarded to Alex. Additional locations were identified at Loudon Road/Canterbury Street, Loudon Road/Branch turnpike, and Concord High School.

B. Meeting Schedule

The January meeting will be cancelled. Meetings in 2012 will continue to be held on the 3rd Thursday of the month except for November and December when the meetings will be on the 2nd Thursday.