Mayor’s Pedestrian Advisory Council

November, 10, 2010
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions
**MPAC Members Present:**

Co-chair, Dr. Kyran Quinlan, University of Chicago
Co-chair, Bobby Ware, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Transportation

Mike Amsden, TYLin International for John LaPlante

Jim Boratyn, Illinois Department of Transportation

Alex Cabral, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Dr. Katherine Christoffel, Children’s Memorial Hospital

Laurie Dittman, Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities

Christopher Gent, Department of Cultural Affairs / Chicago Park District

Benet Haller, Chicago Department of Zoning and Land Use Planning

Luann Hamilton, Chicago Department of Transportation

Jennifer Herd, Chicago Department of Public Health

Adolfo Hernandez, Active Transportation Alliance

Joe Iacobucci, Chicago Transit Authority
John O’Neal, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Laura Pepper, Center for Neighborhood Technology for Jackie Grimshaw

Greg Piland, Federal Highway Administration

Peter Skosey, Metropolitan Planning Council

Marcia Trawinski, Metro Seniors in Action

**Others Present:**

Mark De La Vergne, Sam Schwartz Engineering

Todd Fagen, Sam Schwartz Engineering

Robert Gordon, Robert Gordon Architects

Ben Helphand, Logan Square Walks

John MacManus, Altamanu

Andy Metz, Chicago Transit Authority

Dan Miodonski, Sam Schwartz Engineering

Rudy Nimocks, University of Chicago

Sam Schwartz, Sam Schwartz Engineering

Robert Vance, Chicago Transit Authority

Laura Wilkison, Metro Strategies

Craig Williams, Alta Planning and Design

 **Staff Present:**

Chris Wuellner, Chicago Department of Transportation

David Zavattero, Chicago Department of Transportation

Kiersten Grove, Chicago Department of Transportation

Jerad Weiner, Chicago Department of Transportation

# 2. Approval of Minutes

* Meeting minutes from 8/11/2010 were approved by members.

# 3. Introductions

* Attendees introduced themselves and read sample vision statements.
* Dr. Quinlan updated the group on pedestrian crash statistics since the last meeting.

# 4. Chicago’s Pedestrian Plan – Scope and Vision

* Mark De La Vergne of Sam Schwartz Engineering presented on the scope and purpose of the Pedestrian Plan.
* Sam Schwartz of Sam Schwartz Engineering presented on possible outcomes and visions for the Pedestrian Plan.

# 5. Chicago’s Pedestrian Plan – Everyday Encounters

* John MacManus of Altamanu presented the Pedestrian Plan in the context of Chicago’s planning history. The presentation highlighted that the Pedestrian Plan process will be inclusive, visionary, and has the ability to significantly improve the pedestrian environment in Chicago.

# 6. Break and Feedback

* During the break, attendees voted on key words and concepts for the Pedestrian Plan vision statement.

# 7. Chicago’s Pedestrian Plan – The Vision Statement

* Dr. Quinlan began by providing guidance for the discussion of the vision statement.
* The discussion mentioned including community, social interaction, and connectivity within the vision statement.
* Laurie Dittman reminded the group to make sure the language was inclusive and to avoid defaulting to the word “walking.”
* Chris Wuellner from the Chicago Department of Transportation proposed that the consultant team take the material generated from the discussion and create a draft vision statement for group comment before the next MPAC meeting.

# 8. Adjournment