Mayor’s Pedestrian Advisory Council

August, 3, 2011
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions
**MPAC Members Present:**

Co-chair, Gabe Klein, Commissioner, Chicago Department of Transportation

Co-chair, Dr. Kyran Quinlan, Erie Family Health Center

Dr. Kathy Christoffel, Children’s Memorial Hospital

Dr. Bechara Choucair, Chicago Department of Public Health

Adam Becker, Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago’s Children

Marcus de la Fleur, De La Fleur LLC

Laurie Dittman, Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities

Joyce Gallagher, Department of Family Support Services / Senior Services

Chris Gent, Chicago Park District and Department of Cultural Affairs / Special Events

Benet Haller, Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development

Jennifer Herd, Chicago Department of Public Health

Adolfo Hernandez, Active Transportation Alliance

Joe Iacobucci, Chicago Transit Authority

Rosemary Krimble, Commissioner Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection

John LaPlante, TyLin International

Carlos Nelson, Greater Auburn Gresham Development Corporation

Les Nunes, Illinois Department of Transportation (for Chuck Eckhart)

John O’Neal, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

Greg Piland, Federal Highway Administration

Richard L. Rodriguez, Chicago Department of Environment

Peter Skosey, Metropolitan Planning Council

Matthew Sussman, Center for Neighborhood Technology (for Jackie Grimshaw)

Marcia Trawinski, Metro Seniors in Action

**Others Present:**

Michael Alvino, Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago’s Children

Jim Boratyn, Illinois Department of Transportation
Jim Cox, Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development

Alyson Fletcher, Active Transportation Alliance

Robert Gordon, Robert Gordon Architects

Carolyn Helmke, Resident

Carmen Iancullo, Illinois Department of Transportation
Marissa Novara, Metropolitan Planning Council

Dan Plotter, Legion International Limited

Mike Shaw, LCM Architects

Mark de la Vergne, Sam Schwartz Engineering

**Staff Present:**

Luann Hamilton, Chicago Department of Transportation
Kiersten Grove, Chicago Department of Transportation

Chelsea Richer, Chicago Department of Transportation

Jerad Weiner, Chicago Department of Transportation

Chris Wuellner, Chicago Department of Transportation

David Zavattero, Chicago Department of Transportation

# 2. Approval of Minutes

* Meeting minutes from 5/4/2011 were approved by members.
* Dr. Kyran Quinlan updated the group on pedestrian crash statistics.
* Luann Hamilton presented a letter to Kyran from Mayor Emmanuel recognizing his time as MPAC Co-Chair. The council took the opportunity to thank Kyran for his leadership and service.
* Luann Hamilton announced the new co-chair of the council, Peter Skosey of the Metropolitan Planning Council.

# 3. CDOT and Pedestrian Safety

* Commissioner Gabe Klein presented his vision for the pedestrian safety in Chicago. His comments focused on the pedestrians as a key indicator for overall road safety.
* Commissioner Klein stressed the importance of the three Es, Education, Enforcement and Engineering.
* Commissioner Klein then opened the discussion to all attendees.

**Discussion:**

*Commissioner Klein mentioned in D.C. the traffic control aides were given ticketing authority for moving violations.*

*Joyce Gallagher suggested continued outreach and education workshops through City of Chicago Senior Centers.*

*Benet Haller suggested that we become more focused about how we define development in the city. Mr. Haller suggested more defined land use regulations around key transit resources to promote pedestrian safety and activity.*

*Commissioner Klein suggested a public space committee to make final land use decisions.*

*Peter Skosey mentioned that Alderman Laurino is organizing a subject matter only session on August 17th for members of the city council to learn about pedestrian planning issues. Luann Hamilton mentioned that CDOT will be reaching out to new alderman to address transportation safety issues.*

*Rosemary Krimble explained how BACP handles 311 calls and importance of calling 311 to report concerns regarding taxi drivers.*

# 4. Chicago’s Pedestrian Plan – Update

* Mark De La Vergne of Sam Schwartz Engineering updated the council on the progress of the Chicago Pedestrian Plan.
* The Chicago Pedestrian Plan website has been visited by over 4,500 visitors since the launch in June.
* The presentation gave a brief overview of the structure of the Pedestrian Plan public meetings.
* The last neighborhood meeting will take place August 10 at Truman College. The downtown meeting on August 24 will include a walking workshop and a presentation by CDOT staff.
* A plan overview will be presented at the next MPAC meeting.

# 5. Draft Public Right of Way Guidelines – Public comment

* Mike Shaw from LCM Architects has been working with CDOT on public way accessibility.
* PROWAG (Public Right of Way Guidelines) is in the 3rd revision and addresses accessibility issues in the public right of way.
* Public comment period is open until November 23, 2011

**Discussion:** *The Chicago**Department of Transportation will review the draft PROWAG and will provide feedback and comments.*

# 6. Announcements and Adjournments

* Michael Alvino announced that Healthy Places and CDOT will be putting together the Complete Streets Design Guidelines and Safe Access to Parks Plan. CLOCC is funding 10 organizations to conduct walkability assessments across the city.
* The Department of Public Health will be releasing a public health agenda for Chicago on August 16.
* Mayor Emanuel introduced the “Must stop for pedestrians” ordinance at City Council, which brings the city ordinance in compliance with the “Must stop for pedestrians” Illinois State Law.
* Alderman Laurino, Chair of the Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Committee, will be holding an “Urban Pedestrian Issues” subject matter hearing on August 17 at 10:00 am in City Council chambers.