

# Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 8th, 2017 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

## **1. Introductions**

### **MPAC members present:**

Co-Chair Rebekah Scheinfeld, CDOT  
Co-Chair Adam Becker, Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC)  
AARP – Bob Gallo,  
Access Living – Mary Rosenberg  
Active Transportation Alliance – Kyle Whitehead, Julia Gerasimenko  
CMAP – John O'Neal  
CLOCC – Lindsey Arenberg, Gladys Hansen-Guerra, Katie Danko, Eric Goodwin  
Department of Planning and Development – Todd Wyatt  
Department of Public Health – Margarita Reina  
Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) – Laurie Dittman  
Metropolitan Planning Council – Audrey Wennink

**Vision Zero West Side** – Katie Bowes, Antonio Redmond

**Chicago Dept. of Transportation:** Mike Amsden, Lauren Crabtree, Luann Hamilton, Eric Hanss, Rosanne Lubeck, Angel Montalvo, Tyler Rose, Sean Wiedel, Amanda Woodall

**Others present:** Andrew Balmer, Romina Castillo, Marcus De La Fleur, Brad G., John Greenfield, Trina Grieshaber, Craig Kaisen, Ken Kraus, Debbie Liu, Alan Mellis, Michael Mencarini, Daniella Pereira, Kelly Rutherford, Karen Sheehan, Hannah Slodoanik, Marsha Trawinski

**2. Approval of Minutes** - The meeting minutes from August 2017 were approved.

### **3. Pedestrian Crash/Fatality Update**

- a. 39 fatalities year-to-date as reported by the CPD. 2016 showed 38 fatalities at this point.
- b. The 5-year average between 2011- 2015 is 31.8 fatalities, based on data provided by the IDOT
- c. Chicago is experiencing a 15% increase in traffic fatalities in 2017 as compared to recent years. Motorist fatalities make up almost the entirety of the overall increase.

### **4. Vision Zero Update**

- a. VZWS has contacted over 5,000 people through outreach events. Three public west side meetings were held in September. VZWS will continue through the spring 2018.
- b. VZ and city contractors are preparing for the first Sideguard Ordinance compliance benchmark on July 1.
- c. CDOT has joined a shared study with the USDOT's Volpe Center and NACTO to determine technology and equipment best practices for the next generation of city fleet vehicles.

### **5. Openlands Urban Campaign**

- a. Lack of tree coverages affects air quality, increases human mortality rates, and increases urban heat islands.
- b. Tree coverage can improve mental health, increase activity, and affect traffic calming and safer walking.
- c. Fill out the pre-grant application on [www.openlands.org/trees](http://www.openlands.org/trees) for trees in your neighborhood.

### **6. PlayStreets Update**

- a. Playstreets operated in 29 community-based organizations, 163 total events, and included 25,267 total attendees in 2017.
- b. Playstreets contribute to healthy bodies, healthy minds, healthy feelings, and healthy bonds.
- c. Playstreets concerns include bike/pedestrian safety and safe passage.

### **7. Council Engagement across City Plans**

- a. 2011 - Chicago Pedestrian Plan goals include eliminating pedestrian fatalities in 10 years, reducing serious pedestrian injuries by 50% every 5 years, and increasing the mode share of pedestrian trips.
- b. 2013 - Complete Streets Chicago goals include eliminating all mode fatalities within 10 years and by 50% within 5 years, and increasing commutes by bicycling, walking, and transit by 50% by 2040.
- c. 2016 - Healthy Chicago 2.0 goals include implementing Chicago's Vision Zero initiative by eliminating all crash fatalities in Chicago, reducing the number of traffic crash serious injuries by 10% annually, and increasing the percentage of adults who walk, bike, or take public transportation to work by 10%.
- d. 2017 - Vision Zero goals include eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2026, increasing commuting by walking, biking or transit by 10%, and a long term goal of 50% non-auto commuters in Chicago by 2030.

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## **8. Public Comment**

- a. Q - Could pedestrian walkway be obstructed by dockless bike share? A- Dockless bike share is complicated and would need different rules and enforcement. City departments are investigating an official policy.
- b. Q - Does the city have plans to do regular, scheduled street closures for playstreets and similar events? A- Open Streets events are at this point unsustainable due to costs of traffic control and police requirements. A private partnership could reengage Open Streets with additional funding and resources.

## **9. Adjournment**