



## MEETING MINUTES Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee

Meeting 23-04  
Thursday, April 13, 2023 – 7:00 PM

This meeting was recorded for public access. It can be viewed at the following link:

<https://rockvillemd.webex.com/webappng/sites/rockvillemd/recording/7db05ef1bc7e103bbff756f891046e93/playback>

### Minutes

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1. Welcome
    - a. Meeting Recording
    - b. Introductions
    - c. Approval of March 2023 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION: Kathleen Kleinmann motioned to approved the March 2023 meeting minutes; SECOND: Paula Hubble; DISCUSSION: None; APPROVED: unanimously.**

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2. City Updates
    - a. N. Washington St. & E. Middle Ln Update
      - i. Construction Ongoing
      - ii. E. Middle Lane sidewalk change

City staff provided an update regarding the N. Washington Street and E. Middle Lane construction project. There was a change to the plans to accommodate a loading space on E. Middle Lane.

RPAC members noted that this loading space should have been factored into the design early in the process and want to make sure that the bus stop is not impacted by the loading zone. Members also noted that this further illustrates the importance of an effective outreach strategy for residents in multifamily homes. RPAC members also complimented the new sidewalk on the triangular island which was constructed as part of this project.

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RPAC also reinforces the need to attend and participate in the Town Center Master Plan listening sessions and process.

b. Fleet and Monroe Streets Presentation

Staff discussed the upcoming virtual public meeting and the concept plans for the Fleet Street and Monroe Street complete streets project.

RPAC members recommended the need for additional lighting on both streets, impacts to pedestrian safety and crossings at the intersection of Fleet Street and Monroe Street, and recommended leading pedestrian intervals and protected left turns. RPAC members indicated that there was a lot of pedestrian traffic, especially during lunch time. RPAC members also indicated general support for the project but did not have a preferable alternative.

c. Letters of Support

- i. MD Bikeways – Halpine Road and E. Jefferson St
- ii. TAP/SRTS – Fleet and Monroe Streets

Staff reminded RPAC of future letter of support for the City's Transportation Alternatives Program grant and Maryland Bikeways program grant applications.

d. Sidewalk Feasibility studies

- i. Reading Terrace: 4/18, 5:30 PM
- ii. Highland Avenue: 4/18, 6:30 PM
- iii. Wood Lane: 4/27, 5:30 PM
- iv. Next Segments

Staff discussed the recent sidewalk feasibility study walk/roll the block meeting along Frederick Avenue and reminded RPAC of future meeting opportunities. Additionally, staff indicated the City's plan to continue sidewalk feasibility studies.

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3. March Crash Report

a. Lt. Crawford, RCPD

There were three pedestrian crashes over the past month; one at Veirs Mill and Atlantic; a second at 1300 Rockville Pike; and a third at Fleet Street and Park Ave

RPAC members have indicated that crash reporting has a bias towards motorists. The narrative for crash reports often leads to motorists

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claiming non-fault and can be less objective. There needs to be more context and does not relay the comments/experience of the pedestrian.

RPAC will continue to explore this issue in future meetings as well as ensure that RCPD officers will have implicit bias training.

- b. Marissa will reach out to RCPD for the monthly crash report.

There is still a need for an RBAC member to take over the monthly police report. RPAC will reach out to RCPD to see if they have capacity to take over this task.

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#### 4. FY 24 Budget Follow Up

- a. Next public hearing – April 17, 2023
- b. Budget Survey - <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/951/Budget-Financials>
- c. Final day to submit written comments – April 21, 2023

RPAC will submit a letter to the Mayor and Council related to pedestrian priorities. This letter was shared with the Committee via the listserv.

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#### 5. May Meeting - Rockville Town Center Plan & Rockville Station Visioning Plan Walking/Rolling Meeting

- a. Planning Department Representative for both the Town Center Neighborhood Plan and the Rockville Metro station Visioning Project are invited.
- b. Route Plan
  - i. Metro station
  - ii. MD 355/Park
  - iii. Ped bridge/elevators
  - iv. Using the beacon on beall Ave
  - v. Helen henegan intersection
  - vi. Golds gym driveway
  - vii. Dawsons driveway N. Washington
  - viii. Sichuan Jin River parking lot
- c. Meeting Point/Time
  - i. Promenade Park -
  - ii. 6:30 pm

RPAC will have a walking/rolling meeting in May with Planning Department staff to provide comments and recommendations for the Town Center Master Plan. Meeting details were confirmed.

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Walking/rolling meetings are valuable because they can show City staff the pedestrian experience.

RPAC members also requested clarification between this project and the recent ULI study, which resulted in the recommendations for the Town Center Road Diets project.

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6. RPAC Leadership and Activities for 2024

- a. Co-chair
- b. Crash report

RPAC needs a member to take over the reigns of chairing RPAC meetings. Interested members should contact Marissa Valeri ([marissa.rpac@gmail.com](mailto:marissa.rpac@gmail.com)).

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7. Adjourn Meeting

- a. Next Meeting: May 11, 2023, 6:30 PM
- b. The May meeting will be a Walking/Rolling meeting in Town Center.

**Additional Resources**

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[Pedestrian Master Plan Home Page](#)

[Vision Zero Home page](#)