

PTAC - Dec 2021

12/16/2021

Agenda

Procedural Business (10 Minutes)

- Intros
- Meeting Guidelines
- VOTE: Approve November minutes

Committee Introduction and 2022 Goals (20 Minutes)

Subcommittee Updates (10 Minutes)

- Ask about moving the meeting to 7pm

Mystic Ave Crash Response (10 Minutes)

City Update (30 Minutes)

Other Business (10 Minutes)

- Public Comment

Meeting Guidelines

- Generally we keep things casual to encourage discussion
- Person speaking has the floor, please be respectful
- Stick to voice discussion, we don't use the chat
- We will do vote by voice for simple votes (meeting minutes)
 - All in favor say "aye", all opposed say "nay"
- We can do roll-call votes if unclear
 - We will call the roll, and each member will vote
 - The outcome will be tallied, individual members' votes won't be recorded
- Items put forward for a vote need a Motion, and a second
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PTAC Mission Statement

The Somerville Pedestrian & Transit Advisory Committee is dedicated to promoting walking and taking public transportation, improving the quality and effectiveness of the pedestrian and transit experience, and promoting policies and programs supportive of walking and public transportation in the City of Somerville.

Mission - Main Points

- Promoting walking and taking public transportation
- Improving the quality and effectiveness of the pedestrian and transit experience
- Promoting policies and programs supportive of walking and public transportation

Principles

The work of the Committee shall be dedicated to the following core principles:

- I. Improving and expanding access to, and the accessibility of, walking and public transportation
- II. Increasing safety for all modes of transportation, particularly for pedestrians and transit users
- III. Promoting and encouraging walking and riding transit as a modes of transportation
- IV. Making walking and riding transit a more pleasant experience
- V. Evaluating and improving the performance of pedestrian and public transportation systems.
- VI. Advocating for fair and equitable transit fares, and for the incorporation of an equity lens in all decisions made about pedestrian and public transportation systems.
- VII. Increasing the sustainability of pedestrian and public transportation systems

Subcommittees

Engineering and Evaluation - Paola Massoli / Julia Toof

Policy and Enforcement - Ted Alexander

Education and Outreach - Audrey Orenstein

Engineering/Eval

- Review engineering plans for upcoming projects
- Provide written comment and specific feedback

Policy/Enforcement

- Conduct research and present on policy issues
- Recent focus on winter sidewalk snow clearing
- Drafting memos/letters for committee opinions on policy issues

Education/Outreach

- Manage social media and website
- Organize events, neighborhood walks, other outreach

Goals

- What would you like to see us achieve?
- What impact should we have?
- How do we measure our work?

Start thinking about these now

- Goals survey?

Annual Report and Officer Elections

- We put out an annual report to detail our work, accomplishments, and goals
 - Aim to get this done in the 1st Quarter

- We also annually elect Committee officers
 - Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
 - Elections took place this past May