

MINUTES

PZC Subcommittee on Infrastructure, Tenth Meeting
Beck Municipal Building, Room B
Storrs-Mansfield, CT
Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Members present: Alex Marcellino (Chairman), Kay Holt, Ken Rawn
Staff present: Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development
Lon Hultgren, Director of Public Works

Call to Order:

Chairman Marcellino called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

Minutes:

5/22/13 Regular Meeting – Rawn MOVED, Holt seconded, to approve minutes as presented. MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda: None.

Old Business:

The committee reviewed our criteria and the priorities list with Ms. Painter and Mr. Hultgren, who suggested that two additional criteria be added by which future sidewalk projects should be judged. The current three criteria are: 1) areas zoned for high density, 2) areas of heavy pedestrian use, and 3) interconnections between existing sidewalk systems. The two new criteria will be: 4) access to town and community facilities (schools, playgrounds, library, etc.) and 5) connections to transit facilities, such as bus-stops. Painter also suggested that the designations of Priority One and Priority Two were misleading if both were of equal importance. Instead, the committee should make a chart or matrix listing which projects meet which criteria. The committee members agreed to these suggestions and also felt that the projects needed to be grouped according to sidewalk “systems” within certain areas of town. The projects will be then re-ranked according to how many criteria they meet.

The chairman will work with staff to form a chart based on the 5 criteria as headings, and then each of the projects will go under the appropriate heading(s).

To recap, currently the projects in Storrs area are:

- A:** finish existing sidewalk on Eastwood Road south to Route 275,
- B:** Westwood Road from 275 heading north all the way to Hillside Road, including a part of Hillside Circle,
- C:** Route 195 from the Greek Village at UConn heading north to Route 44 at Four Corners, connecting with the existing sidewalk along 44,
- D:** continue northwest on 195 to Timber Drive and Holiday Mall,
- Today we added E:** Hunting Lodge Road, as a connecting link between the sidewalk/bikeway on Separatist Road and that on North Eagleville, and
- F:** gap along Rte 275, between Separatist and Maple Roads.

Projects currently in South Mansfield are:

A: Meadowbrook Lane, to connect with sidewalk to be built by developer of Whispering Glen, and continue west to Mansfield City Road,

B: Mansfield City Road north to Pleasant Valley Road,

C: Pleasant Valley Road west to Mansfield Avenue,

D: Mansfield Avenue from Pleasant Valley Road to the Windham town-line.

Projects currently in Mansfield Center/ middle of town:

A: Route 89 from 195 to Southeast School.

Painter and Hultgren left the meeting at about 2:10 p.m.

Committee members discussed how best to set up a chart of projects and for which areas we might request accident data. At our next meeting we will review the chart (to be prepared by the Marcellino with Rawn's help) and then we will re-rank the above-listed projects according to the number of criteria they fall under.

Next Meeting:

The Chairman set the next meeting for Wednesday, June 19 at 1:15 p.m., Room C.

Field Trip: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Holt, Secretary