



## MEETING MINUTES Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee

Meeting 23-03  
Thursday, March 9, 2023 – 7:00 PM

This meeting was recorded and is available online:

<https://rockvillemd.webex.com/webappng/sites/rockvillemd/recording/03e759b4a105103b8ef73267e35cef37/playback>

### Minutes

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1. Welcome
    - a. Meeting Recording
    - b. Introductions
    - c. Approval of January and February 2023 Meeting Minutes

**MOTION: Kathleen Kleinmann moved to approve the February 2023 meeting minutes; SECOND: Ethan Goffman; DISCUSSION: None; APPROVAL: Unanimous**

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2. City Updates
    - a. Twinbrook Pedestrian Bridge – City of Rockville Staff continues to coordinate with the key stakeholders of this project and has provided information sessions to the Mayor and Council related to project funding strategies and bridge design status.
    - b. MWCOC Regional Roadway Safety Program – Letter of Support – City staff submitted an application to Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments for the Regional Roadway Safety Program to develop new guidelines for the City to install marked crosswalks and supporting improvements.

**MOTION: David Stinchomb moved to approve RPAC to submit a letter of support for the City’s MWCOC Regional Roadway Safety**

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**Program application; SECOND Kathleen Kleinmann; DISCUSSION; None; APPROVAL: Unanimous.**

- c. Town Center, N. Washington St. & E. Middle Ln construction – This is an ongoing construction project. Public information has been shared with neighborhood groups, on social media, and in Rockville Reports.
- d. Sidewalk Feasibility studies – The City is planning for public meetings in April to walk/roll the studied street segments to discuss the potential sidewalks. Participation is welcomed.
- e. Vision Zero Intersections – This is an ongoing project. Staff has identified improvements for the five studied intersections and construction will occur during the summer and spring.
- f. Fleet and Monroe Complete Streets – Two alternatives along these streets have been developed. The alternatives will be shared with RPAC in April and a public meeting is scheduled for May. Street lighting needs to be improved along Fleet Street.
- g. Beall Avenue Protected Intersections – Alternatives have been developed for this project as well and information will be shared with RPAC and the public in May.

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**3. February Crash Report**

- a. The monthly incident report will be shared on the Listserv later this month.
- b. Lt. Crawford, RCPD – There were 4 incidents involving pedestrians in February.
- c. There can be a discrepancy in crash reporting depending on which Police agency files the report. There is a standard report that is used statewide, RCPD will follow up with other agencies if there are discrepancies. There is some discretion when these reports are completed by different officers, such as level of injury.
- d. One pedestrian crash included a pedestrian crossing Veirs Mill Road near the McDonalds at Atlantic Avenue.

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**4. FY 24 Budget Follow Up**

- a. RPAC Comments
  - i. A new budget letter will be shared with the list serve – please provide comments by 3/16/2023. The RPAC draft letter includes fiscal year priorities and to identify new performance measures. There are many Vision Zero related projects in the City.

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- ii. RPAC requests including the Budget Equity Tool Scoring on whole budget, not just capital improvements.
  - iii. RPAC requests adding colored crosswalks and crosswalk art.
  - iv. RPAC also requests developing pedestrian focused resources that will list City tools for pedestrians in the event of a crash.
  - v. Vision Zero measure serious and fatal crashes, however RPAC recommends that all crashes be evaluated. The City includes all injury crashes when evaluating intersection improvements and when evaluating crashes in the City's crash analysis.
- b. Next public hearing – April 17, 2023. We will speak at the budget hearing. This is a good opportunity for RPAC to highlight priorities.
  - c. Budget Survey - <https://www.rockvillemd.gov/951/Budget-Financials>

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- 5. Rockville Town Center Plan & Rockville Station Visioning Plan
    - a. Meeting with Planning Staff
      - i. The May RPAC meeting will be a walking/rolling meeting to specifically discuss the Rockville Town Center Neighborhood Plan and the Rockville Metrorail Station Visioning Plan.
    - b. Rockville Town Center Listening Sessions – these listening session will be an opportunity for RPAC members to highlight pedestrian issues for the plan process.
      - i. April 13, 2023
      - ii. April 19, 2023
      - iii. April 22, 2023
      - iv. April 25, 2023
    - c. <https://engagerockville.com/towncenter>
    - d. RPAC members note that the usability to Town Center is directly linked to whether residents and visitors feel safe walking/rolling to Town Center and walking/rolling within Town Center.

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- 6. RPAC recruitment
    - a. A co-chair is needed for RPAC. A shared leadership model is reflective of RPAC values.
    - b. Additionally, it would be best for there to be a designated person to help facilitate the monthly crash report. This report should include motor vehicle crashes as well.

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- 7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

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a. Next Meeting: April 13, 2023, 7:00 PM

**Additional Resources**

[RPAC Home Page](#)

[Pedestrian Master Plan Home Page](#)

[Vision Zero Home page](#)