

**Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting 21-05**  
**Thursday, May 13, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Virtual - Webex**

*Recording of this meeting available at XX*

RPAC Monthly Meeting

7:05 Welcome & Introductions

New member - Jake Jakubek, East Rockville

7:06 RPAC Document Review/Approval

- Past Meeting Minutes
- 2040 Plan Testimony
- MUCTD Letter
- Annexation Plan

The minutes from December 2020 through April 2021 were approved. For the 2040 plan testimony, members suggested adding in language around shared paths and working with pedestrians and bicyclists to make shared paths safer. On the MUCTD letter, only minor grammatical changes for made. No edits were suggested for the Shady Grove Annexation Plan.

7:35 City Updates - Alyssa Roff

Ms. Roff reported that she will be resigning at the end of the month on May 28th. Faramarz Mokhtari will be the new temporary liaison.

There is a WMATA workshop on Saturday on transit oriented development. The hearing on the 2040 Plan is June 14th.

A robust discussion ensued around the proposed Stonestreet Plan and addition of sidewalks and bike lanes. Comments made are noted below.

- Separate bike lanes
- Connection to other paths
- Enforcement
- Remove parking from the one side
- More public input
- State grant is creating it - consultant onboard perhaps in fall

The committee suggested a letter to the County/Eli Glazier on automated crossing on county roads in Rockville.

8:00 Incident and Enforcement Update - RCPD - Lt. Andy Crawford

April 21 12:02 pm - 761 Hungerford - hit bicyclist

May 2 5:30 pm - Grand champion and Redland - 9 yo bicyclist

May 4 6:02 pm - Frederick Rd & Metro Access Road - Pedestrian in crosswalk

Committee members had a robust discussion on how we can work with individuals who have been struck by cars. Ideas proposed included a flyer/palm card with information on RPAC, and a Victims Advocate within Rockville City PD for pedestrians and bicyclists hit by vehicles in the City.

There were 248 pedestrian safety checks, with 1 citation and 7 warnings issued.

8:35 Open Discussion

RPAC member Kathleen Kleinman shared a study on textures and surfaces going on as it relates to tripping on sidewalks. The guidelines were put out by the Public Access Board, a blue ribbon committee for federal gov ADA standards. They developed design guidelines in 2010 called PROWAG. Ms. Kleinman asked if the City uses PROWAG. The City staff present stated no. Ms. Kleinman suggested that RPAC use it as a resource and the City could adopt some of the guidelines.

Committee members suggested the presence of a staff member from Planning at each RPAC meeting to give an update on upcoming development. It was also suggested that a representative from the Department of Public Works be present at each meeting as well.

Committee members raised the issue of targeting specific intersections with the state highway administration, and using the full force of community advocacy to engage state, local, and city officials to affect change.

Finally, the idea of the traveling road show on pedestrian assessment of neighborhoods was raised again, and committee member Marissa Valeri will move forward on the development of a presentation.

8:49 Adjourn

The next RPAC meeting is June 10, 2021.

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## Resources

[RPAC Home Page](#)

[Pedestrian Master Plan - RPAC Notes Document](#)

[Synthesis of Pedestrian Policies](#)