Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Introductions

Committee Members Present:
Alex Vogt (Chair)
Colette L. Farland-Vogt
Liz Richardson
Jeff Warner (City staff representative)

Members Absent:
Bill Hodges
Dick Lemieux

Guests:
Ursula Maldonado

Review / Accept Minutes

Minutes from the July meeting were accepted.

Schedule of Future Meetings

The next meeting is Thursday, September 15, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

On-going Discussion and Action Items

A. Merrimack River Greenway Trail

A meeting is scheduled for August 23 with an attorney to work on establishing a non-profit organization, the formation of a board of directors and the articles of agreement for the Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. The group is also working on scheduling a site walk with PSNH who is a major property own of the land to the south of Manchester Street. Mark Zydel is taking the lead in organizing the site walk. A date has not been set.

B. Sidewalk Audit program

Although the City has not received a recent update on progress from UNH, it is believed that the field work should be almost complete. It appears that the field work may have extended beyond the work area initially proposed. Once complete, the city will receive a list of curb ramps and segments of sidewalk prioritized based on need for improvement.

C. Walk Friendly Communities Comments

Alex will distribute a copy the Walk Friendly Communities – Community Report Card and Feedback for people to review and to start thinking about what projects the committee should focus on.

New Business

A. Boscawen Roundabout

Alex informed the group of the recently constructed roundabout at the intersection of Harris Hill Road and Route 4. Where there was previously a sidewalk from a point just south of the intersection on Harris Hill Road to a point east of the intersection along Route 4, the roundabout project did not replace the sidewalk. Consistent with NHDOT policy, unless a community is willing to sign a maintenance agreement with the State, the State will not construct sidewalks. At issue is the need for year round maintenance as mandated by FHWA. NHDOT does not have the means to maintain these sidewalks in the winter and relies on communities for winter maintenance.

B. Crosswalk Painting

As of mid-August, Alex noticed that the crosswalks have not been painted in East Concord. The current striping plan is to stripe all crosswalks in the spring and repaint the high traffic areas in the fall. Alex will bring this issue up at the next TPAC meeting.

C. Capital Area Wellness Conference

The Capital Area Wellness Conference is being held on September 30 from 9:00 – 4:00 at the Red River Theaters and the Smile Building. Mark Fenton, a nationally renowned expert on walking will be one of the many speakers. TPAC members were encouraged to attend.

D. City Wide Safe Routes to School Travel Plan

An organizational meeting is being planned with Concord School District, Merrimack Valley, the city, CNHRPC and others. No date has been set. Alex will forward the information to Pete Rhodes for TPAC-Bike's information.

E. Private Development Project Update

Bindery Redevelopment:

Jeff presented the design plans for the redevelopment of the Bindery site at 43 & 45 South Main Street. The discussion focused on "Complete Streets" and that this and other designs in the city should strive to achieve the Complete Street model. Engineering has commented that the design shall accommodate pedestrians and cyclists along the eastern side of the street.