

Route 133 Corridor Public Enhancements Working Group
Minutes
December 17, 2025

Present: Members Matthew Nigrelli, Clint Palemero, Gail Ralston, Leslie Frost, and Andrew Lewine joined by Town Staff Paul Materazzo, Monica Gregoire, Jacki Byerly, and Joseph Assenza, and members from TEC Pam Shadley, Eric Riese, and Lauren Nicholson. The meeting was called to order at 12:04PM.

The meeting focused on the Working Group's plans for pedestrian and aesthetic improvements. Key points included the election of Mr. Lewine as Chair and Mr. Palemero as Vice Chair. The Group discussed the design of two intersections, emphasizing low stone walls, plant material, and pedestrian safety features. They debated the placement of benches, the use of decorative traffic lights, and the potential for public art. Concerns were raised about snow removal and the impact on traffic flow. The group also considered wayfinding signage and the feasibility of extending pedestrian protection areas. The meeting discussed the feasibility and design of pedestrian safety and decorative elements along North Main Street. Key points included the use of vertical elements to slow traffic, the necessity of breakaway walls in clear zones, and the potential for decorative walls and landscaping. Specific concerns were raised about the impact of trees on visibility and the need for proper tree planting. The team also considered the placement of benches, with suggestions to face the Bowling Green for better views. Future steps involve refining the design and obtaining community feedback before proceeding to the 75% design phase.

Next Steps

- Post the project plan and concept materials to the project page so neighborhood residents can view and share the concepts (post copies and link online).
- Coordinate with the newly elected Chair and Vice Chair and other staff to confirm responsibilities and next steps following the officer election.
- Plan and schedule a larger public meeting (target winter/early-spring timeframe) to present the concepts to the community and confirm project themes before advancing funding requests.
- Convert the conceptual plans into AutoCAD/technical drawings (scale the hand-drawn concept and produce the next technical submission for the project).
- Cost out the decorative/ornamental traffic light and pole options (compare decorative vs. standard painted mast arms, including initial delta and note long-term maintenance implications) and report findings back to DPW/facilities and the Working Group.

Meeting adjourned at 1:32PM.