

CHAT from the Grow Smart RI Main Street Roundtable – August 29, 2024
Getting People Walking: Creative Ideas for Main Streets

- 00:09:28 Garrett Mancieri: Garrett Mancieri
- 00:09:30 Annette Bourne, HousingWorks RI: Annette Bourne, HousingWorks RI
- 00:09:36 Dylan Giles: Dylan Giles from PVD Streets Coalition! Hi everyone! 🙌
- 00:09:38 George Andoscia: Hi Folks! George Andoscia, RI Department of Health
- 00:09:42 Sarah Summers, Downtown Providence Park Network: Hi all! I'm Sarah Summers from the Downtown Providence Park Network
- 00:09:49 Garrett Mancieri: Garrett Mancieri, Downtown Woonsocket Collaborative & Woonsocket City Council
- 00:09:51 Scott Wolf: Scott Wolf, E.D., Grow Smart RI
- 00:09:58 Emily Koo: Emily Koo (she/her), Acadia Center, reporting from North Main St. in PVD!
- 00:10:07 Greg Gerritt: Greg Gerritt ProseprityForRI.com North main St Providence Providence
- 00:10:08 Rachel Stancil: Rachel Stancil, East Providence HEZ
- 00:10:10 Tom Sgouros: Tom Sgouros, not representing anyone, but I live in Wickford, a place people drive to in order to walk.
- 00:10:13 Lawrence Bacher: Larry Bacher, Barrington Planning Board
- 00:10:23 Nora Barre: Nora ED Downtown Parks
- 00:10:29 Megan Mello: Megan Mello from Kittelson & Associates, and calling in from Rumford!
- 00:10:48 Greg Gerritt: Greg Gerritt Full time walker
- 00:11:01 Wm Hollinshead: Hi all - I'm on the GSRI Board, and especially interested in places where families raising kids can thrive. Kids mostly walk, run, and ride bikes,..and so should we all!
- 00:11:08 Peter Mosbacher: Peter Mosbacher, RI Community Development Consultant
- 00:12:37 John Flaherty: Hi, John Flaherty tuning in from Downtown Slatersville.
- 00:12:45 Michael Friedman: Reacted to "Hi, John Flaherty tu..." with 👍
- 00:13:11 Susan Marcus: Susan Marcus from Wakefield. I'm not representing anyone although I am a member of the town's economic development committee, which pays lip service to the idea that walking is important to Main Street dynamism. Everyone walks to the cash register (until you allow drive-in banks, drug stores and fast food restaurants).

00:14:22 Barry Schiller: barry schiller from ri transit riders

00:14:42 Lisa Juan: Lisa Juan, Kimley-Horn

00:15:14 Sonia Lindsey: Sonia Lindsey, Board Chairperson of the Downtown Woonsocket Collaborative

00:15:45 Steve maciel: Steve Maciel here from Blackstone Valley Tourism Council. Hello!

00:16:31 Valerie Southern: Greetings. Valerie Southern, transportation consultant in Jamestown. Currently working on state SS4A and Complete Street projects. See this session as relevant.

00:18:19 maureen moakley: Maureen Moakley - Board Member

00:19:12 Hannah Moore: Hannah Moore, RI Department of Housing and Housing Resources Commission

00:20:27 Michael Friedman: Michael Friedman, Paolino Properties and Board Chair of GrowSmartRI. So excited to see so many stakeholders tuned into today's webinar.

00:21:11 Nancy Sutton: Hello! Nancy Sutton, Rhode Island Department of Health - getting everyone of all ages moving all year long is a priority of the Center for Chronic Care and Disease Management. 😊

00:21:12 Beth Kirmmse: Westerly Sunday Fundays

00:24:43 Rachel Stancil: Reacted to "Hello! Nancy Sutton,..." with ❤️

00:28:30 Sonia Lindsey: dwc02895.org

00:28:31 Garrett Mancieri: www.dwc02895.org

00:29:28 Emily Koo: Reacted to "Greetings. Valerie S..." with 👍

00:33:50 Michael Friedman: Reacted to "Hello! Nancy Sutton,..." with 👍

00:45:09 Sarah Summers, Downtown Providence Park Network: Call for Artists:
<https://www.jotform.com/form/241906328044050>

00:52:23 Nora Barre: I'm on Instagram as @downtownpvd parks. Install the app to follow my photos and videos.
https://www.instagram.com/invites/contact/?igsh=1o3ugfnz1kk41&utm_content=nw88fc

00:52:59 Nora Barre: We have a new website to launch next week but here's the current one-
<https://downtownpvdpark.life/>

01:00:05 Beth Kirmmse: Thank you for a great webinar!

01:00:26 Steve maciel: Join us at the (free) Dragon Boat Races this Saturday 9-4 at Festival Pier, Pawtucket!

01:00:42 Barry Schiller: don't forget the possibility of leading "Jane's Walks"

each May to get people moving and call attention to architecture, urban design issues, history, environment etc

01:02:49 Barry Schiller: ri transit riders group also wants to call attention ot the problem of snow removal from sidewalks after storms - PVD is doing better, not so much elsewhere

01:03:11 Wm Hollinshead: Waterfire is another famous example that brings lots of folks to walk, but also pretty expensive in \$ and volunteers. It's great to have examples that have drawn useful and sustainable resources!

01:05:24 Megan Mello: Thank you to all of the presenters!

01:07:48 Sarah Summers, Downtown Providence Park Network: From our perspective— it is so incredibly helpful that we work so closely with the city! That is built into the way that we were formed as an organization— and it makes everything much easier when pulling permits and getting permission for events and activations in the parks.

01:08:46 Steve maciel: Thank you all!