

Arlington Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)
Wednesday, February 14, 2018
Courthouse Plaza, Dogwood & Cherry Rooms
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Minutes (approved May 9, 2018)

Present: Pamela Van Hine, Chair; Eric Goldstein, Vice Chair; John Armstrong; Jim Feaster; Christine Ng; Chris Yarie; David Patton; Ritch Viola

Guests: Christine Sherman; Fionnuala Quinn; Rick Holt; Leeann Sinpatanasakul

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:07 PM

Items of Interest, Public Comment, and PAC Business:

Attendees introduced themselves.

The chair informed the PAC that she would be having a meeting next month with the County Manager. The chair also reminded members of the upcoming County Board's work session on the DES budget. She encouraged all PAC members to review the Manager's proposed budget and the materials available on the County's budget website.

The Chair also reported that she sent the County Manager a [letter](#) encouraging the County to support a bike-ped bridge as part of the Long Bridge Project.

The chair informed the PAC that we have been requested to institute a more formal process for appointing PAC representatives to other groups. Jim Feaster moved that when the PAC is to have a representative on other bodies, the PAC formally take action to appoint representatives. The motion passed unanimously, without discussion.

Christine Ng moved that Eric Goodman be recommended for re-appointment as the PAC representative on the Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission

The chair informed the PAC that there was an opening for a PAC representative on the Advisory Committee on Transportation Choices, since John Armstrong had moved from being the PAC representative on the committee to being the chair of the committee. There were no volunteers or nominees.

Invited Speaker: Fionnuala Quinn, Director, The Bureau of Good Roads, and Rick Holt, Project Coordinator: Vision Zero General Comments and George Mason University

Ms. Quinn and Mr. Holt presented to the PAC on Vision Zero and on the DDOT funded project they are running to implement Vision Zero in the District of Columbia.

The speakers first provided an overview of Vision Zero. Vision Zero is a new approach to road traffic safety. Vision Zero has a goal of no fatalities or major injuries in the roadways, and takes the position that life and health should not be exchanged for convenience. Vision Zero does not necessarily have a goal of eliminating all collisions, but works to eliminate those that cause death or serious injuries. It does this by recognizing that deaths are preventable, humans will make mistakes, and we need to design our road

systems to ensure that mistakes do not lead to deaths. The more than thirty cities in the U.S. that have implemented vision zero goals are now working to figure out where they can make investments that will achieve the most results. Pedestrian safety often is prioritized in Vision Zero programs and policies because they are among the most vulnerable road users. Making streets safe for all pedestrians makes streets safer for everyone.

The speakers then described the project they are implementing through DDOT to create “traffic gardens” [EG1] for DC schools to use as part of a broader education for children on how to navigate streets safely. Younger children learn basic traffic safety in the safe environment of the garden, then graduate to biking on streets as they get older. [EG2] The PAC thanked the speakers and expressed a desire to continue exploring implementing Vision Zero in Arlington.

Other Topics

- Christine Sherman briefly updated the PAC on TE&O activities. The plans for the upcoming paving/marking season are in processes. The west end of Wilson Boulevard, South Carlin Springs Road, and Quincy street near Wilson Boulevard are all planned for this season.
- The PAC received a brief update on the Four Mile Run Valley planning process.
- A draft PAC roster was distributed. All PAC members were encouraged to review their entry for accuracy. [EG3]

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 PM in Courthouse Plaza, Dogwood & Cherry Rooms. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM