

Arlington Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Courthouse Plaza, Dogwood & Cherry Rooms
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Minutes (approved with edit May 9, 2018)

Present: Pamela Van Hine, Chair; Eric Goldstein, Vice Chair; Ellen Armbruster; John Armstrong; Eric Goodman; Tom Kornis; Christine Ng; Chris Yarie; David Patton; Alli Henry

Guests: Shelley Peart; Heather McDaniel; Leeann Sinpatanasakul; Dan Murphy; William Jones; Liz Fried; John Carten

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:03 PM

Items of Interest and Public Comment:

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Chris Yarie as our newest member. A quick overview of upcoming PAL events was provided.

Invited Speaker: Shelley Peart, Bureau Chief, Transportation Planning and Capital Projects Management

Ms. Peart introduced herself to the PAC, and indicated that she started with the county about two and a half months prior. She explained that there are about 66 transportation projects in process being managed through her bureau, of which 10 are Safe Routes to School projects. Other projects included bridges and complete streets projects. She held a brief discussion with the PAC regarding crosswalk technologies and the potential to have more bike/ped separation on our roadways. The PAC thanked her for joining us, and the chair welcomed her to join future meetings

Invited Speaker: Lt. Dan Murphy, ACPD

Lt. Murphy introduced himself to the PAC as the new liaison officer from the Special Operations section to the BAC and the PAC. He provided an overview of the special operations section, including their efforts regarding parking, crossing guards, and special events. He explained the Public Safety Aide (PSA) program's role in parking enforcement.

Lt. Murphy provided detailed information on parking enforcement. He explained that it is done to facilitate parking, not to be a revenue generator for the county or the department. He indicated that in 2014-2015 there was a reduction in parking tickets due to administrative changes. In response to questions from the PAC he explained that if we see vehicles parked problematically we can call the non-emergency line for the Emergency Communications Center and they will dispatch a PSA to address. Making the call will also document the issue. He also discussed the issues involving Uber and Lyft, but indicated there is no easy solution to them. Lt. Murphy reminded the PAC that the number one priority for the section is addressing life safety issues, and that community quality of life and traffic follow as the number two and number three priorities, respectively.

At the request of the PAC, Lt. Murphy next addressed the crossing guard program. He indicated that there are 26 crossing guards for over 40 positions. The department is currently working with APS to re-examine the placement of crossing guards. They are looking to comparable jurisdictions that have established criteria, such as Madison, Wisconsin, and that they consider the age of the students, the

volume of traffic on the streets and the speed of traffic as primary factors in deciding where to deploy crossing guards. It was also indicated that the APS Superintendent has request additional crossing guards be added.

Lastly, Lt. Murphy addressed efforts the department implements to increase pedestrian safety. He described the Street Smart program, and the pedestrian strike/sting activities the section had implemented. Through the TARP program, the department is able to identify the areas that need additional enforcement activity.

The PAC thanked the speaker for his presentation

PAC Business

Chris Yarie moved that the August minutes be approved. The motion passed, and the minutes were approved without amendment.

Tom Kornis moved that the October minutes be approved. The motion passed, and the minutes were approved without amendment

Eric Goldstein moved that the draft letter regarding South Park be approved. The motion passed, and the chair will send the [letter](#) on behalf of the PAC.

Other topics

- The Chair provided a report from her time at the National Walking Summit. She indicated that the sessions she attended focused on themes of disability access, equity, and Vision Zero. She indicated a desire to implement “disability walks” within Arlington and to further explore implementing Vision Zero in Arlington.
- Allie Henry gave an update on Walk Arlington activities, including upcoming sold out walking tours and opportunities to distribute “lighten up” giveaways
- The PAC discussed the need to work with staff to ensure the bike/ped manager position is filled
- The PAC discussed the upcoming work outside the county office building to remove the “pork chop” and slip lane from Wilson Boulevard
- The Chair discussed the sample forms the BAC had developed to help them review projects that were presented to them. The PAC approved a motion to create a similar form for use at our meetings.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 PM in Courthouse Plaza, Dogwood & Cherry Rooms.