

Arlington Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)  
Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
Mobility Lab  
1501 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1100  
Minutes (unanimously approved, with changes, June 13, 2018)

Present: Pamela Van Hine, Chair; Eric Goldstein, Vice Chair; Ellen Armbruster; John Armstrong; Jim Feaster; Eric Goodman; Christine Ng; Chris Yarie; David Patton, PAC Staff

Other attendees: Henry Dunbar; Lt. Daniel Murphy; Dan Nabors; Erin Potter; Leeann Sinpatanasakul; Christine Sherman; participants in the League Cycling Instructor (LCI) certification program attending the Pedestrian Safety Workshop.

Note: PAC members were invited to participate in a two-part workshop on pedestrian safety led by Dan Nabors, Department of Transportation; hosted by Henry Dunbar, Director of Arlington's Active Transportation programs; and primarily designed for and attended by the League Cycling Instructor (LCI) certification program participants. Immediately following the first workshop session, the PAC held its meeting. Six PAC members and staff were able to attend the rescheduled second workshop session on Wednesday, March 28.

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 P.M.

**Invited Speaker: Lt Dan Murphy, Arlington County Police Department Special Operations Section (SOS): Bicycle and Pedestrian Involved Accidents, 2017 Annual Report**

Lt Murphy distributed copies of the 2017 report and a County map showing 2017 pedestrian crashes. The primary purpose of the report is to "identify specific locations, traffic characteristics and human behaviors" that the County might address to reduce the frequency and severity of future crashes. The data presented are more comprehensive than prior reports because of increasing awareness by SOS officers of the need to report all bike-ped crashes, capturing as many incidents as possible, and analyzing every crash report individually.

Lt Murphy reported that in 2017, 135 pedestrians were involved in crashes, 7% had serious injuries, and two died. In the past five years, six pedestrian fatalities occurred. Although the written report did not provide details on pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries, Lt Murphy noted that in 10 of the 11 serious and fatal crashes, the pedestrian was "jaywalking." He also mentioned driver speed was often a factor as well. According to Lt Murphy's analysis, the most common pedestrian behavior during a crash (69 of 135 crashes) was crossing in a [signalized] crosswalk with the pedestrian light. The most common driver behavior for both pedestrian and bicycle crashes was turning right or left with a green light - and hitting the pedestrian or cyclist. Of note, the majority of crashes were in daylight and in good weather.

The Chair thanked Lt Murphy for his detailed report and for sharing it with the committee.

**News Items:**

H. Dunbar, Director of Arlington's Active Transportation programs, welcomed the PAC, reported that National Walking Day will be April 4 and that the WalkArlington position was close to being filled. He asked for a PAC volunteer to write a short blog on tonight's training for the WalkArlington blog. Upcoming Engage Arlington presentations on Veitch Street (April 4) and the Core of Rosslyn Transportation Study (April 17) were also highlighted. L.Sinpatanasakul noted the upcoming Rails to Trails fun run on April 7.

**PAC Business:**

The Chair reminded PAC members that their terms are up the end of August and to let her know if they plan to continue on the committee. She also announced that she plans to step down as Chair, but is willing to run as Recording Secretary instead. The Vice Chair is willing to run for the Chair position, and C. Yarie is willing to run for the Vice Chair position.

J. Armstrong, Chair of the Advisory Committee on Transportation Choices (ACTC), distributed and explained the ACTC resolution encouraging the School Board to fully fund the Transportation Demand Program. C. Ng moved that the PAC should support the resolution, and the Committee passed the recommendation unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 P.M. The next PAC meeting will be a special joint meeting with the Bicycle Advisory Committee on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, in the Dogwood & Cherry Rooms.