

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting  
Wednesday, January 8, 2020  
Ellen M. Bozman Government Center  
Dogwood & Cherry Rooms  
Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard  
Minutes, approved with edits, February 12, 2020

Present: Eric Goldstein, Chair; Chris Yarie, Vice Chair; Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary; Ian Blackwell; Jim Feaster; Andrea Walker; Christine Sherman, TE&O; Katy Lang, Active Transportation Manager

Guests: Mark Sussman, OurStreets, invited speaker; Elizabeth Gallagher; Neal Hunter, DPR

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and welcomed PAC members, staff, and guests. There were no public comments.

**Chair's Report:** The Chair updated the PAC on plans for upcoming meetings: construction MOT will be the primary topic for the February meeting; pedestrian safety and crashes for March, if Lt Murphy is available; and a special joint BAC-PAC-PRC meeting on April 28 in the Navy Annex. Ms. Van Hine encouraged him to have sharing trails as one of the topics for the April meeting. The Chair asked for other suggested topics for future meetings, and members suggested: PUDO and sidewalk guidelines. C. Sherman gave a brief update on DES pilot ride-sharing PUDO projects in Clarendon and Restaurant Row on S. 23rd Street.

**Mark Sussman, OurStreets, Invited Guest Speaker: OurStreets App:**

The speaker quickly reviewed the OurStreets app, including its evolution from the prior How's My Driving app, its purposes and functionality, equipment requirements, and special features, such as citation lookup and ALPR (Auto License Plate Recognition). OurStreets harnesses the collective power of pedestrians and cyclists to report dangerous driving behavior like blocking a bike lane or parking in a crosswalk with the ultimate goal of facilitating targeted enforcement and improving road infrastructure, so that city streets are safer for everyone (description from OurStreets [website](#)). It's a fast, intuitive, and easy way to report dangerous driving and parking behaviors. It's currently available for Androids and shortly also will be available for I-Phones. WABA is now a partner, FSS, League of American Bicyclists, and Walk America are interested. He would like the BAC and PAC to send a joint letter of support. However, anyone can use the app without additional County involvement. Per the OurStreets website, sign up to beta test the app at [hmdapp.io](http://hmdapp.io).

PAC members had many questions, including: can it be accessed without a cell phone (no), can it cover dangerous cycling and pedestrian behavior (no), can it cover construction issues (no). Some of the issues are protecting privacy (bike/pedestrians) and varying construction regulations. Initial purpose was dangerous driving/parking only, but app was expanded to include mis-parked micromobiles as well.

**Eric Goldstein: Draft PAC Budget Letter to County Manager:**

*Traffic Gardens:* K. Lang asked about including Traffic Gardens in the budget letter. Although Traffic Garden funding would be in the CIP not the General Budget, the Chair asked the PAC for their opinion of them. N. Hunter noted that DPR was still investigating space availability and appropriate use in County parks. PAC members were generally supportive of Traffic Gardens and thought they are an important educational tool; however, they are concerned about their impact on other uses of public spaces.

*General Budget Letter:* Copies of the draft budget letter were distributed to and discussed by attending PAC members. A. Walker suggested re-emphasizing the need for well-connected sidewalks. With the support of the committee, the Chair added this phrase to the final paragraph of the letter.

**Motion:** J. Feaster moved that the letter be approved with the additional phrase. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously by PAC members present.

**Pamela Van Hine, Ian Blackwell, and Jim Feaster: PAC Participation in Site Plan Review Committees (SPRC):**

P. Van Hine asked J. Feaster to start by describing some of the issues with the recently completed [Artis Senior Living](#) site SPRC, an independent/assisted living residence. Although the specific site was already approved for this

type of housing, most of the County was not, and the project inspired the County to change its zoning. P. Van Hine noted that his representing the PAC at this SPRC was an example of PAC member support, as well as an example of how SPRC projects often have unique challenges. She talked about how having PAC input for some of the challenges in her recent sites, such as the monumental stairs and Woonerf at [1900 Crystal Drive](#) and pedestrian passageway at [Crystal Houses](#), would be helpful. I. Blackwell agreed and mentioned the [Harris Teeter's](#) site issues. P. Van Hine again mentioned needing help with guidelines, training, and collaboration with other groups. The Vice Chair asked C. Sherman about the status of the MMTA, which is still in development, but should be a useful tool for the PAC when completed. The consensus of the PAC, with encouragement from the Chair, was to 1) include time at future PAC meetings to discuss any specific SPRC issues, and 2) post urgent specific questions (e.g. the monumental stairs) to the PAC GoogleGroup for suggestions.

#### **Announcements and Minutes:**

*Katy Lang: [WalkArlington Updates](#):*

She noted that Mary Dallao, Rosslyn BID, will start as the new WalkArlington Program Manager on January 21. Ms. Lang also mentioned the new edition of the WalkArlington online newsletter and that the WalkArlington Walkabouts are being updated and added to the WalkArlington section of the app. This app allows anyone to add their own favorite walks as well!

*Approval of [December 11, 2019 draft PAC Minutes](#):*

**Motion:** J. Feaster moved to approve the draft minutes approved as submitted. Motion was seconded, and PAC members present unanimously approved the minutes as submitted.

*Christine Sherman: [Vision Zero Update](#):*

Ms. Sherman noted that the working group meeting was postponed until next Thursday because of the inclement weather, that the Vision Zero website would be live imminently, and a major public meeting will be held January 28 in the Washington & Liberty High School. Goals, priorities, and crash data are being finalized, and pop-up presentations at various County venues will be starting soon. The PAC is encouraged to be involved. She noted that while she is on maternity leave, Dan Nabors, Dr. Hui Wang, and Nate Graham will be staffing Vision Zero activities.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in the Dogwood & Cherry Rooms. Construction MOT and other relevant issues will be addressed by County staff.