

Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)  
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft TEAMS  
Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 7 P.M. – 9 P.M.

This meeting was recorded – see Appendix, which also includes the Vision Zero presentation slide deck\*

Minutes (Revised May 8, 2021, Approved May 14, 2019 )

Attendees: Eric Goldstein Chair; Eric Goodman, Vice Chair; Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary; John Armstrong; Ian Blackwell; Jim Feaster; Elizabeth Gallagher; Patrick Kenney; Tom Korn; Andrea Walker; David Patton, Bike & Pedestrian Planner; Mary Dallao, WalkArlington Program Manager

Guests: DES TE&O: Christine Sherman Baker, Vision Zero Project Manager; Dr. Hui Wang, Bureau Chief; Commission on Park and Recreation: William Ross, Chair; Cody Gregory; David Howell; Neal Hunter

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. and welcomed PAC members, staff, and guests, including the Chair and members of the Park & Recreation Commission, who were invited to participate. There were no public comments. T. Korn showed the view out his NYC window of Central Park and generous protected bike lanes. D. Patton noted that upcoming Dominion Energy work will require a temporary closure of 4MRT by the South Eads Substation. The Chair encouraged everyone to complete the online survey for the CIP, due April 16, as well as Part 3 of the VDOT commuting survey, S. Eads survey, S. Walter Reed Survey, and the next Crystal City Bike Plan public meeting on April 28. Find more information on engagement opportunities through the County [Engage Arlington page](#).

### **Christine Sherman Baker, [Vision Zero](#) Project Manager, Dr. Hui Wang, Bureau Chief, TE&O: Vision Zero Action Plan Update**

C. Baker focused her Vision Zero Action Plan update on the recommendations provided by the PAC Chair/Vice Chair and the Vision Zero staff response. See her slides 8-10\* for specific responses. Some implemented recommendations are:

- Safety Targets: Staff have added 12 Safety Targets and tied the relevant Action Items to one or more safety targets. Staff will track safety target data through the Toolbox tools, but these are tied to general Vision Zero goals, not to specific Action Items. 11 performance measures will provide data for the safety targets.
- More details and more engagement information have been added to the B6 Toolbox and B7 Guidelines/Standards Actions.
- Clarified that Action Items slated as 3-4 years means that most of these will start sooner, but staff expect them to be completed in 3-4 years.
- Revised Report a Problem should resolve many problems with the older version. A ticket will no longer be categorized as “closed” when the problem has been referred (e.g., streetlights).
- MOT guidelines are still under development; relevant groups, such as the PAC, will be consulted for input.

Not implemented: Request specific and ambitious funding; these requests will be specific to each budget cycle.

The results of the Phase III online survey showed good support for the Action Plan overall, but drivers were less sure that they would feel safer. How Vision Zero makes driving safer will need to be promoted. The speaker also provided an update to the project timeline: The final draft Vision Zero Action Plan should be released in about a week and go to the County Board for approval at their May meeting. For more information, please refer to the speaker’s slide deck and the meeting recording\*.

The Chair and others thanked the speaker for her involvement with the PAC as the draft Action Plan was developed. D. Patton said it was a terrific model and he was recommending the format be used for other complex County plans in development, including the FNRP where he serves as the DOT representative and needs to ensure that relevant new [FNRP](#) sections are included in the revised MTP.

### **William Ross, Chair, Park and Recreation Commission (with other PRC members attending): A Conversation with the PAC**

The speaker reviewed the many responsibilities of the PRC, including those described on their "[About](#)" webpage. Both the PRC and the PAC participate in the SPRC process and often work together to optimize streetscapes, to design more park-like open space, and to improve connectivity in new developments. The PRC also participates in the [PRFC](#) (Public Facilities Review Committee), which provides recommendations on the design for many [APS and County buildings](#). The PRC is also involved in the implementation of the [PSMP](#) (Public Spaces Master Plan), as are PAC members J. Feaster and A. Walker. Promoting [biophilia](#) in Arlington is a key issue for the PRC. Saving trees along sidewalks is also important to PRC members. Finally, the speaker proposed two areas of PRC concern for PAC input: Should mountain bikes be allowed in County parks and should the WO&D trail be widened in western Arlington?

*Some PAC responses:*

- The PAC Vice Chair noted that allowing mountain bikes access in parks has been successfully implemented elsewhere and that mountain bike riders have been good stewards of the environment.
- In response to a PRC Chair question about the LHA, the PAC Chair noted that the PAC co-hosted a joint [LHA-BAC-PAC](#) meeting on July 11, 2018 with over 70 participants, and has a PAC representative on the LHA.
- The PAC Chair also noted that the PAC tries to collaborate with the BAC and PRC and others to build streetscapes, trails, and parks that meet all our needs. P. Van Hine echoed his comments: The PAC doesn't want to take space away from others to get what pedestrians need. Rather, the PAC tries to work together with other groups so that everyone gets what is needed.

#### **Mary Dallao, WalkArlington Program Manager WalkArlington Update**

- [National Walking Day](#), April 7, was a success, with 1171 registered participants. The speaker thanked PAC members for suggestions for the Hidden Gems map, which features 57 locations. 57% of participants visited a Hidden Gem, then voted on their favorites: Lubber Run was best park, Boundary stone was the favorite historical site, and Pupuseria Dona Azucena in Buckingham was the favorite retail site.
- All National Walking Day participants are invited to the upcoming WalkArlington [8-week walking challenge](#), which starts Monday, April 19 and runs through June 14. It's only 30 minutes of walking/day for 8 weeks, but it can change your life! The program has been modified, with a different theme every week, and new ways to recognize participants.
- WalkArlington does not have "green light" to do in person events (yet).

#### **PAC Business:**

- *Approval of [Draft Minutes](#) from March 10, 2021 PAC meeting:*  
*Motion:* Moved, seconded, and unanimously approved the draft minutes from the March 10, 2021 PAC meeting, with edits.
- *Police department representative for PAC meetings:* D. Patton will pursue having a Police Officer periodically attend the PAC meeting to report on non-Vision Zero topics and asked PAC members for suggested topics. E. Goodman suggested enforcement and alternatives to enforcement; P. Van Hine promised to resend a list police topics from prior PAC meetings and the link to recent [NVRC](#) keynote presentation on active transportation equity.
- *May 12 PAC Meeting:* P. Van Hine cannot attend because of a conflict with a PenPlace LRPC meeting. M. Dallao volunteered to take minutes through an Otter.ai app recording. D. Patton plans to discuss proposed County *new wayfinding plans*, a CIP project that he manages. Outreach to BAC and PRC is also needed.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M. The next PAC meeting will be virtual, on Wednesday, May 12. Watch the [PAC page](#) and the PAC Google Group for details.