

Arlington Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

Thursday, November 9, 2016

Courthouse Plaza, Dogwood & Cherry Rooms  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard

Minutes (approved with edits December 14, 2016)

Present: Pamela Van Hine, Chair; Eric Goldstein, Vice Chair; John Armstrong; Eric Goodman; Dennis Jaffe, Tom Korn, Christine Ng; David Patton; Alli Henry

Guest: Amit Sidhaye, DES

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:05 PM

### **Items of Interest and Public Comment**

C. Ng commented positively on the “watch for pedestrian” variable message signs the county uses, and was informed that they are maintained by the police department

P. Van Hine informed the PAC of an upcoming meeting by VDOT regarding I-66. She also passed around a comic regarding crosswalks.

Amit Sidhaye with DES’s streetlight management program gave a brief update on the County’s streetlight program. He mentioned that the county owns and maintains approximately 7,000 streetlights while Dominion Virginia Power maintains about 12,000 streetlights. He gave an overview of the County’s LED streetlight program that began in 2009. The county is looking to form a group to make sure that the LED program is heading in the right direction. Mr. Sidhaye invited the PAC to designate a representative to the group. The PAC determined that it was interested in participating, and designated E. Goldstein as its main representative.

### **Invited speaker, Alli Henry, WalkArlington:**

Ms. Henry introduced herself to the PAC and gave an overview of the [WalkArlington](#) program, and the entire set of programs offered by Arlington County Commuter Services ([ACCS](#)). She indicated that the goal of all of ACCS’s programs is to reduce the number of car trips taken within the county, and that the goal of WalkArlington is to encourage walking for all. Ms. Henry mentioned the national recognition ACCS has received, and gave an overview of WalkArlington’s program including Walkabouts, Walking Day, and staffing county events. She also discussed the [PAL program](#) and encouraged members of the PAC to get involved in it.

Ms. Henry then gave an overview of her plans for expanding the WalkArlington program. She discussed her plans for a program of wayfinding stickers to inform people of attractions that are within walking or biking distance. She discussed plans for holding more events, particularly pop-up events that will reach people current communications do not reach. She discussed expanding the walkabout program to hold simpler, but more frequent, events.

Ms. Henry concluded her presentation by discussing items of interest and takeaways from her attendance at a place making conference in Vancouver and by discussing ways that the PAC can work with WalkArlington.

The PAC thanked Ms. Henry for attending.

### **Approval of minutes from October 6 PAC meetings**

C. Ng moved to approve the minutes of the October PAC meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously, without amendment.

### **Additional Items Discussed**

T. Korn gave a brief update on the [Lee Highway Alliance](#) and [Lee Highway Planning](#).

The PAC briefly discussed the County's [Advisory Group Handbook](#) (2014), including the open meeting requirements. The PAC will further discuss at the next meeting.

D. Patton mentioned interest by the state Bike-Ped committee in increasing its focus on pedestrian issues. John Bolecek, VDOT bicycle & pedestrian coordinator, is interested in attending an upcoming PAC meeting. The PAC agreed to have the chair invite him to our next meeting.

A list of previous webinars by the APBP was distributed. Staff will collect suggestions for webinars that PAC members are interested in watching and attempt to arrange a viewing.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:08 P.M. The next meeting will be December 14, at 7 P.M. in the Dogwood & Cherry Rooms.