

Arlington Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Courthouse Plaza, Azalea
2100 Clarendon Boulevard

Minutes (approved without change January 11, 2017)

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

Guests: John Bolecek, Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Planner, Virginia Department of Transportation; Tom Hutchings, Capital Projects Manager, Arlington County Division of Transportation

Invited speaker, Tom Hutchings, Project Manager, Wilson & Washington Boulevard Intersection Improvements (Clarendon Circle)

Mr. Hutchings introduced himself to the PAC and explained his background working with the county. He displayed historic photos of the Clarendon Circle area and provided an explanation of the [improvements](#) being made to each portion of the intersection. He also provided a timeline for future work on the circle, with construction expected to occur from Spring 2018 through Spring 2019. Mr. Hutchings indicated that the construction work would be combined with the approved work on Washington Boulevard at 13th Street.

Mr. Hutchings then provided information on the other projects in the area, including the Clarendon West project and the new park being created by that intersection. He also provided information on the curb extensions at Hudson Street and Wilson Blvd and the improvements to 13th street from Hudson Street to Jackson Street.

The PAC thanked Mr. Hutchings for attending and invited him to return to a future meeting to discuss other projects in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor.

Approval of minutes from November 9 PAC meeting

J. Feaster moved to approve the minutes of the November PAC meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously, with amendments to correct typographical errors.

December 1 Budget Meeting with County Manager

The Chair briefed the committee on the meeting held by the County Manager with the chairs and members of various county committees and commissions to discuss the FY 2018 County budget. A draft letter to the county manager outlining priorities for the PAC was distributed and discussed. The PAC agreed to edit and revise the letter via e-mail over the coming weeks, and voted to send the letter to the Manager once it is finalized.

Additional Items Discussed

The PAC briefly discussed the open meeting requirements that the PAC must follow. The PAC agreed to refrain from using the private e-mail list to avoid violating these requirements.

D. Goodman briefed the PAC on the County's Hot Spot Mitigation Management Program (HSMM), and how it related to the High Priority Pedestrian Safety Technology Project (HPPSTP). The HPPSTP works to improve uncontrolled pedestrian crossings that are perceived as high risk. It has funding for 1-2 projects per year, but no staffing. The HSMM is a project in TE&O that works on a mix of signaled and non-signalized intersections. As there is some overlap in priorities, the two projects are trying to work together to improve outcomes.

J. Feaster updated the PAC on the [POPS update](#) to the Public Spaces Master Plan. He indicated that the plan should be finished in the spring, and the committee, staff, and consultants are working together. He indicated one proposal discussed is the capping of I-66 and I-395 to increase open spaces.

E. Goodman briefed the pack on the [Neighborhood Complete Streets Program](#). The program has hired Michelle Stafford as the NCSP Manager and has started work to rank and identify projects. They are down to a couple of projects, hope to identify an initial pilot project shortly, and plan to put out a public call for additional projects in the coming months. He noted that the NCSP projects are meant to complement the work of the Neighborhood Conservation Program and Complete Streets Program.

P. Van Hine and D. Goodman updated the PAC on the [4 Mile Run Valley Working Group](#). They recently worked on the transportation portion of the plan. Ideas include reducing 4 Mile Run Drive from 4 lanes with parallel parking on one side to 3 lanes, diagonal parking, and a new sidewalk on the north side.

P. Van Hine mentioned that the county was in the process of creating an "[Advisory Committee on Transportation Choices \(ATCT\)](#)", which will be a joint County-School committee to look at the traffic impact of schools. The PAC is expected to have a representative on the committee and will be soliciting volunteers.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 P.M. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, at 7 P.M. in the Dogwood & Cherry Rooms.