

Arlington Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

**Wednesday, August 10 2016**

Courthouse Plaza, Dogwood & Cherry  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard

Minutes (**Approved September 14, 2016**)

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

Guests: Ken Dennis, Andrea Walker, and R. Bridgewater-Foy

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:04 PM

**Items of Interest and Public Comment:**

P. Van Hine reminded members that a [column](#) was published by Charlie Clark, discussing his “walk the walk” with members of the PAC. She thanked all those who attended.

J. Armstrong noted positively the mobile messaging boards with humorous messages placed by the county to remind drivers to be aware of pedestrians. Lt. Dennis provided background on these signs

**Invited speaker, Lt. Ken Dennis, Arlington County Police Department, Special Operations Section (motors):**

Lt. Dennis reviewed answers to the questions previously submitted to him. He explained ACPD’s use of devices to track and record the speed and amount of traffic at intersections to identify appropriate responses to complaints submitted. He also discussed the recent use of “sting” operations targeting drivers that fail to yield to pedestrians.

Lt. Dennis shared with the PAC the collision statistics for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2016, including statistics specific to pedestrians. He noted that we appear to be at about the same level of pedestrian collisions as last year. He explained to the PAC TRENDS and the Police Crash Report - the types of reports and documentation that are filed when the police respond to a collision, and discussed the process that police officers use to determine the appropriate response. He further explained that many police officers see their primary role as enforcement. He also discussed a philosophy of “education through enforcement.”

Lt. Dennis discussed with the PAC that both trends from TARP reports as well as citizen complaints drive the police department’s enforcement activities. He also noted that, due to a lack of funding, the increased enforcement at the intersection of Lee and Lynn ended.

Lt. Dennis explained to the PAC that when it comes to interpretation of the law, the police department follows the interpretation of the Commonwealth Attorney.

The PAC thanked Lt. Dennis for attending.

### **Approval of minutes from July 13 PAC meetings**

J. Feaster moved to approve the minutes of the July PAC meeting. The [minutes](#) were approved unanimously, without amendment.

### **BAC proposal on pedestrian/cyclist safety legislation**

P. Van Hine noted that bicycle advisory committee is drafting a letter with proposed legislative changes. Once the letter is drafted, the PAC will review and decide whether to sign on to it.

### **National Foreign Affairs Training Center - Master Plan Update**

P. Van Hine discussed the opportunity to submit [scoping comments](#) regarding the State Department's update to the master plan for the National Foreign Affairs Training Center. P. Van Hine shared a draft letter to the county manager with suggested comments. The PAC agreed to send the letter, subject to comments submitted by PAC members, via e-mail, over the next several days. Individuals are also encouraged to submit their own comments directly to the Federal government.

### **PAC meeting date in October**

Due to holiday conflicts, the chair suggested moving the date of the October meeting. The PAC agreed to move the date to either October 6 or October 20, based on the availability of our guest speaker.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:07 P.M. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, at 7 P.M. in the Dogwood & Cherry Rooms.