

ARLINGTON PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 8, 2014 - 7:00 PM

Courthouse Plaza

2100 Clarendon Boulevard

“Birch” Conference Room

MINUTES

Attending

Staff: David Goodman David Patton

Members: Dennis Jaffe Rosemary Ciotti Jim Feaster Christine Ng
Tom Korns Eric Goodman

Public: John Armstrong

1) Minutes for December 11, 2013 meeting

Motion for approval made by: Jim Feaster

Seconding of motion made by: Tom Korns (correct?)

Voting in favor: Rosemary, Jim, Christine, Tom

Abstaining: Dennis Jaffe (not present at previous meeting)

Not present at time of vote: Eric Goodman

2) Neighborhood Complete Streets

David Goodman reported that he will follow up with Richard Best (Transportation Commission?) and Richard Viola (capacity?) to invite them to meeting in near future to make presentation

3) Public Newspaper Boxes

Rosemary’s draft letter to County Manager to explore ways to better manage newspaper boxes was distributed for review. Substance of letter and strategy for proceeding were discussed. There was unanimous favorable reaction with respect to the PAC working on this issue, and with the general direction as articulated by Rosemary. There was support to explicitly reinforce language focusing on safety and convenient access to pathways, consistent with master Transportation. It was decided that we would continue editing the

letter and also now begin to seek opportunities to present our perspective on the issue and our draft letter, after it has been further refined, to County advisory bodies and business groups. Individuals volunteered to begin the outreach:

Disability Advisory Commission – Rosemary
Commission on Aging – We will ask Don if he would take this on
Transit Advisory Committee – (Was this David Patton? I know he since has spoken to staff with the Transportation Commission)

Crystal City BID – Christine
Ballston BID – Rosemary
Rosslyn BID – Tom

Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization – Dennis
Clarendon Business Alliance – Not at this time?

We also decided that we would formulate talking points and visual aids with some support from staff

4) Pedestrian assistance devices

David Goodman discussed the need to further promote public familiarity with and use of the devices. There is also an opportunity to further encourage County employees and contractors to promote and integrate the devices into planning/implementation.

Eric: We can write to the County Manager to state that we: endorse the devices; look forward to them being installed and effectively used; and recommend that the County strengthen efforts to explicitly encourage pedestrians to use them.

(Is someone drafting something?)

David will compile a list of pedestrian assistance devices already out there.

(I also wrote down references made at the end of the meeting that I have no context for – if anyone wishes to contribute some:

- “Rockville Transportation Director Larry Marcus from hntb(?)
- Tom Korns: Safe Routes to School
- Missing Links in StopLookWave?