

Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission
Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 15, 2021 *Online Meeting*

- **Members Present:** Elisa Ortiz, Ed Hiliz, Dwight Hlustick, Bill Braswell, Margarita Brose, Girair Simon, Elizabeth Gallagher, Steve Wardell, Kevin Sweeney, Mae Hanzlik, (quorum reached)
- **Members Absent:** Richard Gibson, Francesca Guerrero, Giles Crimi
- **Non-Members Present:** None
- **Staff:** Michelle Stafford, Allison Bullock
- **Meeting called to order:** 7:34 pm
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the February 2021 meeting approved unanimously
- **Chair's Report:**

Commissioner Terms – At his last meeting in his term, the Chair offered thanks to Girair Simon for many years of service as an NCSC Commissioner, and requested that he provide a report on the Neighborhood Conservation Program Review findings.

Girair shared that the approximately 90 page report was delivered to the County Manager after a several year effort of the working group comprised of community members and County staff. The review concluded that the NC program is not broken, accomplishes the goal of letting neighborhoods choose their own priorities, and providing projects to meet their goals. The program also has challenges to address, including greater representation of a diversity of Arlington residents (including multifamily, tenants, racial and income diversity), increased cost of delivering infrastructure projects, reduced program funding, and improved alignment with County priorities.
- **Guest Speaker – Allison Bullock, DES Capital Project Manager:**

Ms. Bullock provided an update on the two NCS Capital Projects: 13th ST S (60% design, construction estimate to begin fall 2021) and 7th RD S (60% design, construction estimated to begin summer/fall 2021)
- **Staff Update:**

Due to ongoing discussions between DES and ACFD, project selection processes are paused. Most locations among the top of the NCS location list, including S Irving ST, are narrow or constrained, and would be designed to a yield street design specification that precludes 20' clear width required by ACFD.

The Virginia legislature has passed HB1903, a bill that would allow local governments to lower speeds to 15mph. The Governor has until March 31 to sign the bill into law. The

County Board would have to pass an ordinance authorizing staff to use this lowered speed tool.

- **Adjourned:** 8:36 pm

Submitted by Michelle Stafford (5/06/2021)

Attachments: 1

NCS Project Updates: 13th Street South and 7th Road South

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13th Street S

S Highland St to S Walter Reed Dr

- Project scope:
 - Add 5' sidewalk on north side
 - Install curb and gutter on north and south sides
 - Add & upgrade pedestrian ramps to ADA standard
 - Reconstruct driveway aprons along the block
 - Mill and repave street
 - Update markings and signage
- Project status: In design (60%)
- Estimated cost: \$570,000



13th Street S

S Highland St to S Walter Reed Dr

Project schedule:

- NCSC project approval July 2020
- County Board funding approval July 2020
- Detailed design begins Fall 2020
- **Detailed design phases, reviews, easement coordination** **Winter-Summer 2021**
- Plan approval, permitting, procurement Summer-Fall 2021
- Construction begins Fall 2021

7th Road S

S Greenbrier St to Tyrol Hill Park

- Project scope:
 - @ S Greenbrier St:
 - Add bus shelter & benches
 - @ S Florida St:
 - Install curb extensions & ramps to ADA standard
 - Upgrade bus stops with bus bulbs & seating
 - @ Tyrol Hill Park:
 - Relocate & upgrade WB bus stop with bus bulb and seating
 - Update markings and signage
- Project status: In design (60%)
- Estimated cost: \$600,000 (\$474,000 w/ NCS funds as approved July 2020)



7th Road S

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- Permitting, contract procurement Summer 2021
- Construction begins Summer/Fall 2021