

NCSC MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 2023 MEETING OF THE ARLINGTON COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION

Approved 5/22/23

The **NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION** convened its meeting at **7:33PM** on **FEBRUARY 27** for a **VIRTUAL** meeting.

LOCATION	Virtual (Microsoft Teams)
PRESENT (IN-PERSON)	NCSC Member Elisa Ortiz (Chair)(At-Large) NCSC Member David Ansell (At-Large) NCSC Member Bill Braswell (NCAC) NCSC Member Margarita Brose (Transportation Commission) NCSC Member Elizabeth Gallagher (Pedestrian Advisory Committee) NCSC Member Ed Hilz (NCAC) NCSC Member Catherine Lewis (At-Large) NCSC Member Kevin Sweeney (At-Large) NCSC Member Steve Wardell (At-Large)
ABSENT	NCSC Member Giles Crimi (At-Large) NCSC Member Richard Gibson (At-Large)
STAFF	Michelle Stafford Brian Shelton
GUESTS	Hon. Katie Cristol, Member, Arlington County Board Kenny Preniczky (student at Wakefield HS)

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SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Board Liaison – Hon. Katie Cristol

NCSC Chair Ortiz introduced County Board Member Katie Cristol, who has been newly designated as the Board Liaison to the NCSC to replace Christian Dorsey, who is chairing the Board in Calendar Year 2023. Ms. Cristol praised the NCS Program and the NCSC on the approval of a series of projects over the past three years. She stressed the importance of the NCS Program in the broader context of the County's Vision Zero initiative. She invited questions and comments from the NCSC members. The ensuing discussion touched on (1) the warrants for traffic lights, in connection with a request for a traffic light in Fairlington (Ed Hilz); (2) the continuing issue of street width minimums under the Fire Code (Steve Wardell, Elisa Ortiz); (3) the impact of budget cuts on Arlington Neighborhoods Programs (Bill Braswell)

and staff support for the NCS Program (Elisa Ortiz); (4) the Board's perception of the effectiveness of the NCS Program (Kevin Sweeney); (5) the continuing need to address traffic speeds (David Ansell); (6) the potential impact of the expiration of the moratorium on the use of speed humps (Elisa Ortiz) and (7) parking issues (Elisa Ortiz).

NCSC Chair's Report

NCSC Chair Ortiz reviewed several administrative and housekeeping matters. She introduced Brian Shelton, who is an intern on County Staff and will assist Michelle Stafford with NCS projects. In response to a comment from Commissioner Wardell, Chair Ortiz agreed that the minutes should include the date and location of the next NCSC meeting, and asked that they be included in future minutes (see below). Chair Ortiz reiterated her comments at the December 5 meeting that the NCSC is in need of new commissioners in light of the impending term expirations of several current commissioners who have reached their maximum term limits. She did note that new applications are being received.

Presentation on Neighborhood Complete Streets Projects

Michelle Stafford and Brian Shelton presented six potential NCS projects for consideration by the NCSC for development and funding. If selected by the NCSC, these projects would proceed through the development and outreach processes, with the intention of voting to recommend them at a June 12, 2023 Funding Session. At this point, no design work has been completed.

- 14th Street North from N. McKinley to North Ohio – tentative cost estimate \$700,000
- N. Oakland Street, N. Pershing Dr. to Sixth Street North (sidewalk) - \$1.635 MM
- Eighth Road S., S. Dinwiddie to S. Frederick - \$442,000
- S. Irving Street \$300,000
 - Second Street S. to Sixth Street S.
 - Sidewalk Project (already funded)
 - Seventh Street S. to Ninth Street S.
- Staff also presented several low-cost projects that could be developed contemporaneously.
 - Seventh Street South, South Walter Reed Drive to Glebe Road (new school zone restrictions, 20 mph signs, data collection). This would complement an APS project.
 - S. Dinwiddie Street, Walter Reed to George Mason
- Staff also presented several pilot projects - \$60,000 total for all three:
 - South Lynn Street, from 16th Street S. to 20th Street S.
 - North Wakefield Street, Carlin Springs to Wilson Boulevard
 - 12th Street S., South Glebe to South Walter Reed.

Staff advised that based the NCS Program has approximately \$1.79 MM in available FY23-24 CIP Funds.

A discussion of the potential projects followed, as well as available capital funding resources and staff resources to develop the projects, following which a vote was taken (see below) to proceed with project development of several of the projects (design and outreach, with a funding vote at the June 12, 2023 Funding Session) but to defer the N. Oakland Street project due to a lack of program capital funds and Staff resources, given the magnitude of that project.

Following the vote on the potential projects, Michelle Stafford provided a brief program update on previously approved projects and other matters.

MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES

Commissioner Braswell moved that the Commission approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 NCSC Meeting.

- Commissioner Brose seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously supported the motion 9-0.

Commissioner Brose moved that the NCSC proceed with the 14th Street N. (est. \$700K), Eighth Road S. (est. \$442K) and S. Irving Street projects (est. \$300K), as well as the three pilot projects (est. \$60K) (est. total = \$1,502,000), and defer the N. Oakland Street project.

- Commissioner Sweeney seconded the motion.
- The Commission supported the motion 8-1, with Commissioner Braswell voting no.

Meeting adjourned at **9:44 PM**.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Meeting May 22, 2023 -- Microsoft Teams Meeting; CR-BGC-101 Azalea (MED)

Funding Hearing June 12, 2023 -- Microsoft Teams Meeting; CR-BGC-101 Azalea (MED)

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Sweeney 3/12/23