

NCSC MEETING MINUTES

MEETING MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 2023 MEETING OF THE ARLINGTON COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION

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The **NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLETE STREETS COMMISSION** convened its meeting at **7:33PM** on **MAY 22, 2023** as a hybrid **IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL** meeting.

LOCATION	Azalea Room -- 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201 CR-BGC-101 Azalea (MED) Virtual (Microsoft Teams)
PRESENT (IN-PERSON)	NCSC Member Elisa Ortiz (Chair)(At-Large) NCSC Member David Ansell (At-Large) NCSC Member Bill Braswell (ArNAC) NCSC Member Margarita Brose (At-Large) NCSC Member Ed Hilz (ArNAC) NCSC Member Catherine Lewis (At-Large) NCSC Member Kevin Sweeney (At-Large) NCSC Member Steve Wardell (At-Large)
PRESENT (VIRTUAL)	NCSC Commissioner Giles Crimi due to medical reason (At-Large) NCSC Member Richard Gibson due to medical reason (At-Large)
ABSENT	NCSC Member Elizabeth Gallagher (Pedestrian Advisory Committee)
STAFF	Michelle Stafford
GUESTS	Robert Gerber (Ballston Resident) Colton Tejada (Ballston Resident)

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SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

NCSC Chair's Report

NCSC Chair Ortiz reported that County Board Member Katie Cristol, who is currently the NCSC Board Member liaison, has announced her resignation from the County Board effective July 4, 2023. The Program thus would have no Board liaison. Chair Ortiz expressed her hope that a Board member will be designated as liaison prior to the July 2023 Board Meeting.

Following the February 27, 2023 NCSC Meeting, which Board Member Cristol attended, she requested information from the County Manager regarding the relative expense and time of having County Staff design and construct NCS projects as opposed to outside contractors. The preliminary feedback indicated that using County Staff would be both more expedited and cost-effective. Chair Ortiz stated that she would take this matter up with other relevant advisory group chairs.

Chair Ortiz reported that several NCSC positions remain to be filled, and some members' terms are expiring in July. Mr. Gerber, a guest participating virtually, briefly introduced himself and expressed interest in joining the NCSC. Chair Ortiz urged the Commission members to continue recruiting new members.

Presentation on Neighborhood Complete Streets Projects

Michelle Stafford provided updates on the NCS projects approved for development at the February 27, 2023 meeting. Staff hopes to have completed the development process in time for the NCSC to vote on the projects at the scheduled June 12, 2023 Funding Session. If necessary, Staff will advise the NCSC of a postponement of that meeting. The NCSC tentatively identified Monday, June 26 as a backup date.

- 14th Street North from N. McKinley to North Ohio: Design plans call for installation of chicanes, among other things. The outreach has elicited a generally positive response, and the Civic Association President has indicates support. Some on-street parking would be removed, but the effect appears minimal.
- Eighth Road S., S. Dinwiddie to S. Frederick: Feedback on the design plan has been limited, so Staff has distributed flyers in the community.
- S. Irving Street: Staff has explored two options with the community, and feedback has been mixed, with some stakeholders supporting one option and other stakeholders supporting the other. One design alternative would require mid-block bulb-outs (no further than a car width) with Carlyle lights; the other would not extend into the street and would employ Cobra lighting.
- Pilot Projects: Staff also indicated that it has planned multiple engagements for the pilot projects approved by the NCSC for development at the February NCSC meeting:
 - 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 anticipates including walking tours, which would be a new approach.

Staff advised that the NCS Program has approximately \$1.79 MM in available FY23-24 CIP Funds, which is adequate to fund all the projects presented.

MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES

Commissioner Brose moved that the Commission approve the minutes of the February 27, 2023 NCSC Meeting, with several minor corrections.

- Commissioner Wardell seconded the motion.
- The Commission unanimously supported the motion 10-0.

The NCSC scheduled the Funding Session for the projects currently in development and community engagement to be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., and tentatively designated Monday, June 26, 2023, as a backup date if more time is needed to develop the projects.

Meeting adjourned at **9:06 PM**.

Upcoming Meetings:

Funding Session, Monday, June 12, 2023, 7:30 p.m. -- Microsoft Teams Meeting; CR-BGC-216 Cherry (LRG\ALS) (tentative backup date: Monday, June 26, 2023)

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Sweeney 5/30/23