

Arlington County Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft TEAMS
Wednesday, December 9, 2020 7 P.M. – 9 P.M.
This meeting was recorded. Link: [YouTube PAC Meeting, 2020.12.09](#)

Minutes (approved with edit January 13, 2021)

Attendees: Eric Goldstein, Chair; Chris Yarie, Vice Chair; Pamela Van Hine, Recording Secretary; John Armstrong; Jim Feaster; Elizabeth Gallagher; Eric Goodman; Patrick Kenney; Tom Kornis; Andrea Walker; David Patton, Bicycle & Pedestrian Planner; Leah Gerber, Active Transportation Coordinator; Mary Dallao, WalkArlington Program Manager

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and welcomed PAC members and staff. There were no public speakers and no invited speakers. The Chair mentioned several items of interest in the Engagement section of the County website, including an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget.

D. Patton report: 1) ACPD PAC support: Lt Clark, Lt Murphy's replacement, confirmed that future crash data would be compiled by Vision Zero DOT staff rather than ACPD staff. The Chair expressed concern whether the PAC would continue to receive the level of data needed, as well as relevant ACPD pedestrian safety information. He asked P. Van Hine to check prior minutes for reports from ACPD bike-ped staff before Lt Murphy to see what types of information had been provided. 2) The [Dockless](#) implementation plan staff report will be released in January. 3) The County is revisiting its [FNRP](#), and an online survey is open until December 23. The Forestry & Natural Resources Plan addresses many areas of interest to pedestrians, including landscaping zones and trees on streetscapes and appropriate plantings along trails.

PAC Business:

- *Membership Renewal:* All current members, except G. Gill, want to continue their PAC membership. D. Patton will send out a spreadsheet with members' information. Please review and return to him ASAP.
- *Officer Election:* Eric Goldstein was nominated, seconded, and approved for another term as the Chair; and Pamela Van Hine was nominated, seconded, and approved for another term as the PAC Recording Secretary. Initially, no one volunteered to serve as Vice Chair, Chair-Elect, but Eric Goodman agreed to serve again after relinquishing two of his other PAC responsibilities. He was nominated, seconded, and approved as the incoming Vice Chair/Chair-Elect.
- *Appointments to Advisory Committee on Transportation Choices ([ACTC](#)) and Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission ([NCSC](#)):* E. Goodman, who has been serving as the PAC representative on both committees, was willing to give them up if other members wanted to represent the PAC. Patrick Kenney agreed to represent the PAC on the ACTC, and Elizabeth Gallagher agreed to represent the PAC on the NCSC, starting in 2021. D. Patton will submit their names; E. Goodman will share information with them and alert the chairs.
- *Approval of [minutes from November 4](#) PAC meeting:* Moved, seconded, and approved as submitted.

Presentations, Updates, and Future Issues Discussion:

- *[County FY22 Budget](#) and [Biennial CIP Budget](#) (D. Patton and E. Goldstein):* Funding is very tight for both budgets and the horizon is very short because of the continuing uncertainties with Corvid. Staff layoffs may be necessary. M. Dallao

mentioned that the Arl FFSS will be sending a letter with budget recommendations, and PAC members agreed to send a letter as well, perhaps focusing on some of the issues discussed last month during the Vision Zero presentation. PAC members are encouraged to participate in the [budget priorities online survey](#) as well as review materials and presentations on both the FY22 budget and biennial CIP budget. Public comments are due January 6, 2021.

- [Pentagon City PDSP](#) (P. Van Hine): Tonight, the third public engagement for this project, was a presentation on biophilia and a workshop to discuss draft principles and performance measures. The draft principles are: Better choices than driving, places for people, green development, inclusive and welcoming, and phased development/completing missing links. She will post more information as it becomes available.
- [VDOT Route 1 Multimodal Improvements Feasibility Project](#) (P. Van Hine, PAC representative on the task force): During the recent second task force meeting, VDOT staff presented preliminary data on their virtual public survey, reviewed existing road conditions, and presented draft concepts that compared a design based upon the Crystal City Sector Plan to an example of a down-to grade urban boulevard with a wide, green, tree-lined median. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Wednesday, December 16, virtual public meeting at 6:30 PM. Come learn more about the survey results, project background, preliminary concepts, and next steps. This is a great opportunity to make your opinions known. [Comments](#) are due by December 28.
- [WalkArlington](#) (Mary Dallao, Program Manager): The very successful WalkArlington [8-Week Walking Challenge](#) is coming to an end this week, with a Zoom celebration on Friday. If you participated in the Challenge, watch for the followup survey and complete it. Staff hope to have another event in the Spring. WalkArlington is co-hosting a Balaclava and Baklava virtual program this week as well as a [12 Days of Active Winter Break](#), with BikeArlington and SRTS. She also mentioned that SRTS is still working on plans for active transportation options (bike trains, walking buses, training) to support returning students.
- *Updates from Leah Gerber:* 1) The Transportation Planning Board is looking for new members for their [Community Advisory Committee](#). Applications are due December 16. 2) She is working with TE&O on a toolbox for bike-pedestrian guidelines (e.g., ASHTO, NACTO) for developers to use in planning these facilities.
- [Pershing GLUP Study](#) (Jim Feaster, PAC rep): Planning is still in early stages.
- [Neighborhood Complete Streets Program](#) (Eric Goodman, PAC Rep): As funds are very limited, few projects can be implemented, although people can still submit suggested projects. The NCSP is rethinking project scoring criteria. TE&O is reviewing submitted projects to look for projects that they could implement, in lieu of opening streets with temporary barriers.

Future topics (Eric Goldstein):

- Dockless Scooters
- Police
- CIP/Operating Budget
- Sidewalk maintenance/inventory follow-up
- DES/DOT101 (who's who/organization)
- Construction/MOT access
- DCA access/update on CC2DCA including NEPA study
- Pedestrian Element MTP Update
- Vision Zero
- How to best give advice

- How to improve streets/sidewalks without waiting 10 years for the next development project: Certain priority areas that have importance beyond our current funding structure.
- Enforcement of site plan conditions.
- Equity
- What projects should we be following? What are upcoming corridor studies that we need to begin to study early in the process?
- Long Bridge bike-ped bridge update
- Zoning – creating places where people want to walk, and homes are near those places
- Clear zones on sidewalks

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9 P.M. The next PAC meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, January 13 at 7 P.M. Have a safe and happy new year – and may 2021 be a major improvement over 2020!