

Arlington County Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft TEAMS

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7 P.M. – 9 P.M.

This meeting was recorded.

Minutes (Approved, with edits, February 10, 2021)

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

Guest Speakers: Christine Sherman Baker, Vision Zero Project Manager; Zack DesJardins, MetroBike ACCS

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and welcomed PAC members, staff, and guest speakers. There were no public speakers. The Chair noted that PAC members should have received a letter confirming their continuing membership. He also mentioned two upcoming County engagement opportunities (I-495 and “tear drop” park) and encouraged members to review other opportunities through the [Engage Arlington](#) page. P. Van Hine mentioned the upcoming virtual [Transportation Camp](#) on Saturday, January 16.

D. Patton reported that he would provide a DES organizational chart to help PAC members understand who was responsible for what programs and services. C. Baker then pulled up a basic organizational chart for DES, which was great, but PAC members wanted more levels of detail, even if the position was currently open. D. Patton promised to work on it.

**Christine Sherman Baker, Vision Zero Project Manager: [Vision Zero Update](#)**

The speaker updated the PAC on the Vision Zero Community Action Plan; noted crash data now online, including maps and reports; encouraged members to check out the dashboard when it is available; talked about the role of police in the Vision Zero program; and answered PAC members’ questions.

The County Vision Zero timeline is approaching Phase III of community engagement. The Arlington County Draft Vision Zero Community Action Plan is ready to share shortly: View the Plan either on the [website](#) or at the main library: 1015 N Quincy Street, then share Comments January 25 through February 28, 2021 either through the online form or the mail-in option available at the library. Join a Virtual Q&A Session with County Staff on February 11, 2021, 7:00 PM. You may submit your questions ahead of time on the website!

The speaker also shared the exciting news that the Vision Zero dashboard will be released during the Phase III engagement period and gave us a sneak preview of its features and how to search for specific information on it. She also showed us a preliminary 2020 bike-ped crash report, prepared by Vision Zero staff. We are encouraged to examine it and compare it to the topics and contents of prior reports, then let her know what data we miss in the new format. P. Van Hine noted that numbers of ped crashes with left and right turns is not reported, although past reports have shown that up to half of ped crashes are caused by turning drivers not yielding to pedestrians crossing with a light. J. Armstrong asked about details about infrastructure conditions in crash reports; critical crash reports do include a comprehensive study of the infrastructure, but this level of detail is not routinely captured by police otherwise. Other PAC comments were about the value of having the bike-ped police officer periodically

come to the PAC meeting to update the PAC on police traffic activities, even if the police are no longer providing the crash report. J. Feaster asked to include age data for drivers and pedestrians, as the very young and very old are the most vulnerable.

**Zack DesJardins, MetroBike (ACCS): [Shared Micro-Mobility Devices](#) – County Program Update:**

The shared mobility devices demonstration project was completed in March 2020 and was replaced by the current permanent permit program. The permanent program allows up to 2000 e-scooters and 1000 e-bikes. Although the program had 7 operators (vendors) in 2020, it starts 2021 with only 4 vendors: Bird, Helbiz, Lime (scooters and bikes), and Spin. Operators were selected through a competitive, scored process. During 2020, use was down, complaints were also down. Use is starting to increase, and complaints are still down. The speaker reminded the PAC that the best way to send a complaint is directly to the operator (website has list of operators and contact information), but complaints and comments can also be sent to [mobility@arlingtonva.us](mailto:mobility@arlingtonva.us). Project staff are also adding more corral parking, and it is now demarcated with bollards and rubber curbs. Staff are also considering how to implement an upcoming DC requirement for lockable devices, because devices travel freely between jurisdictions. The speaker also noted that new regulations require riders to travel in the protected bike lane, if it is available in the direction of travel. Other decisions await post-Covid-time.

**PAC Business:**

- The [minutes of the PAC December 9, 2020](#) meeting were approved as edited.
- [Lee Highway Alliance](#): T. Korn volunteered to replace G. Gill as the PAC rep on the Lee Highway Alliance; the PAC approved his nomination; and D. Patton will submit his name.
- [WalkArlington](#) (Mary Dallao, Program Manager): Upcoming activities include National Walking Day in April; another walking challenge, and more “sidewalks”. The speaker is looking for ideas on how to implement a virtual Walking Day – something that is easy for anyone to do from anywhere!
- [Clarendon Sector Plan](#) (John Armstrong): Plans at a recent meeting showed a St Charles Church request to remove a pedestrian path, which he opposed.
- ACTC: D. Patton announced that the Board should be voting approval of P. Kenney’s appointment before the next ACTC meeting.
- [Neighborhood Complete Streets Commission](#) (Eric Goodman): He noted the recent NCSC discussion of the fire code and need for fire engine outriggers for parking space and how this impacts the overall street width and expansion of bike lanes and sidewalks. The NCSC needs additional clarification and discussion, however.
- [VDOT Rte 1 MM Study Update](#) (P. Van Hine): She noted the L22202 [Letter](#) and the [Appendices](#), as well as her own comments. She also mentioned some of the challenges in the SPRCs in 22202. L. Gerber reminded the PAC that she is working with planning staff on how to incorporate national urban planning streetscape guidelines into project planning, which might help.
- D. Patton is working on a *wayfinding signage project for trails*. The PAC may also hear from Ballston BID about their street furnishing designs, so we can give them feedback, as we did for the Rosslyn BID.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:32 P.M. The next PAC meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, February 10 at 7 P.M. Watch the PAC webpage for draft agenda.