

Arlington Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)
Wednesday, August 8, 2017
Courthouse Plaza, Dogwood & Cherry Rooms
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
Minutes (approved as submitted November 8, 2017)

Present: Pamela Van Hine, Chair; Eric Goldstein, Vice Chair; John Armstrong; Jim Feaster; Eric Goodman; Tom Kornis; Christine Ng; David Patton

Guests: Chris Yarie; Ashley Blue; Leeann Sinpatansakul; Irena Lazic; Gillian Burgess; Carol Burnett]

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:00 PM

Items of Interest and Public Comment:

PAC Members and guests introduced themselves. The chair reminded everyone about opportunities to give feedback on both the County's draft public engagement plan and on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government transportation survey. She also informed the PAC of the September 19th Commission on Aging Transportation Committee meeting on dangerous intersections. Lastly, the chair discussed the PAC's modeling of two new BAC organizational projects: formalizing meeting presentations from groups from the County that should report to the committees on a regular basis and standardizing formats for reviewing transportation projects. Gillian Burgess, Chair, Bicycle Advisory Committee, discussed the advantages of doing this to help the advisory groups and the county get better input for the committees. She also invited the PAC to a happy hour being held by the BAC, and discussed the updates to the bicycle element of the Master Transportation Plan.

Invited Speaker: Irena Lazic, Project Manager, POPS: A Plan for Our Places and Spaces: Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Update

Ms. Lazic provided the PAC with an overview of the comprehensive planning process. The Public Spaces Master [Plan](#) has 3 sub-elements. The public art sub-element is being updated through a separate process. There is currently a preliminary draft of the plan. Comments are due at the end of the month. They expect to have another draft later in the year, which will lead to another round of public comment and advisory group meetings. They expect to have the plan go before the County Board for approval in early 2018.

Ms. Lazic then provided an overview of the plan. A major portion of the plan is determining the appropriate level of services for various public spaces. There are no national standards for the amount of public spaces that are needed and so the county had to develop standards for each activity. They looked at population (how much spaces is needed per resident) and access (how close most residents are to an activity). They looked at peers communities to come up with standards, and applied population projections to these standards to determine needs. They are recommending a 5 year cycle on repeating the needs assessment process. Each activity has population standards, some also have access standards.

Ms. Lazic reviewed with the PAC the 8 strategic directions and the actions and action steps included within the strategic directions. The PAC reviewed many of the recommendations in the trail section of the

draft plan. Members asked questions about the loop map and other trail needs that are not on the map. The PAC reviewed other recommendations in the trail section and other selected recommendations. The PAC thanked the speaker.

Approval of Minutes

- E. Goodman moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously, without amendment.

WalkArlington

The PAC received a report from A. Henry on WalkArlington's activities. She informed the PAC of the walking tours currently going on in Rosslyn. The previous ones have been well attended. She requested volunteers to help with the county fair. A. Henry also reminded the PAC about the upcoming food walking tour in Clarendon.

PAL Ambassador Program

Ms. Blue introduced herself as the Arlington PAL Ambassador Coordinator. She explained to the PAC that the PAL program covers all modes of transportation. The program asks residents to be Predictable, Alert and Lawful (PALs). They hold block parties and events where the PAL Ambassadors encourages these behaviours and thanks those who demonstrate them. Ms. Sinpatansakul gave the PAC an overview of her experience participating in these events.

Other Topics

- The Chair informed the PAC of her attempts to have a speaker to continue the discussions of Right of Way issues discussed at the last meeting. They have been unsuccessful so far.
- The Chair informed the PAC that David Goodman has left his position as the PAC's Bike-Ped Manager. She has been in touch with Rich Viola, who will come to future meetings until this position is filled.
- E. Goodman updated the PAC on the [Bicycle Element update](#) process. They are currently engaged in the public engagement process. They have a goal of having a plan by next summer.
- Carol Burnett discussed the numerous Neighborhood Complete Streets Program submissions as evidence of the need for street improvements and more funding.

The September PAC meeting will not be held. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM in Courthouse Plaza, Dogwood & Cherry Rooms