

Arlington Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)
Wednesday, October 11, 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; David Patton; Alli Henry

Guests: Chris Yarie; Heather McDaniel; Luis Araya; Alisa Key; Bethany Heim; Steve Brudgett; Salvador Monroy

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. Alisa Key informed the PAC of issues with students being able to safely cross the intersection at 2nd St S and South Irving St in order to get to Thomas Jefferson Middle School. She told the PAC that it is a two-way stop, not a four way stop and students are almost hit by cars on a regular basis. The problems with the intersection were exacerbated by the construction activities for Alice Fleet Elementary School. She told the PAC that DES is in the process of studying the intersection and should have recommendations soon. She also expressed the need for the intersection to have a crossing guard while a longer term solution is being developed.

Invited Speaker: Bethany Heim, South Park Master Plan

Bethany Heim, Associate Planner & GIS Specialist, DPR present to the PAC on the Site Master Plan for the area currently known as "[South Park](#)". She informed the PAC that this is not the final name for the area, as a final name has not been selected. She provided an overview of the park area, which is being redeveloped as part of the Potomac Yard Phased Development Site Plan. Part of the area for the park is in Alexandria; funding for redeveloping that area is not yet available. Ms. Heim provided information on each of the areas of the park, including a dog walking area, a Riparian meadow, and water access. She indicated that the current draft of the plan will be updated with respect to the placement of certain trees, in response to comments from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. The PAC and Ms. Heim also discussed circulation issues in the park, including how to minimize conflicts between bicycles and pedestrians who are both trying to use the same paths. The PAC thanked the speaker for her presentation.

Invited Speaker: Luis Araya, Improving Pedestrian Safety and Access during Construction Projects

Luis Araya, Chief, Development Services Bureau, DES, presented to the PAC on improving pedestrian safety and access during construction projects. He was joined by Steve Brudgett, also of the DES development services bureau. Mr. Araya provided an overview of the County's transportation network, and the evolution of being built for cars and trucks to one that is more welcoming of other modes of transportation. He explained that his group is responsible for issuing Transportation Right of Way permits and reviewing parts of the maintenance of traffic plans that go along with them. He explained to the PAC that any project involving the street needs a maintenance of traffic plan which shows movements in and around the cite; all use permits and site plans have a condition 10 describing the required MOT plan. He

indicated that his bureau has 7 inspectors who are responsible for inspecting for traffic issues, grading issues, and erosion control.

Mr. Araya and the PAC discussed the PAC's concerns regarding the enforcement of MOT plans and the lack of progress since the last time Mr. Araya met with the PAC. Mr. Araya showed the PAC a prototype of a sign that can be placed at sites to give information on how to contact the county with concerns about sidewalk closures. He also indicated that they were working on getting more information online and would be able to post the approved MOT plans online. Mr. Araya also indicated that he would work to get language included in the standard site plan conditions that would require developers to send a copy of the MOT plan to the civic associations affected by the project. Mr. Araya agreed to keep the PAC updated on efforts in regard to MOT enforcement and education, and the PAC thanked him for his presentation.

Other Topics

- J. Armstrong discussed issues regarding cars parking on sidewalks. The PAC agreed that we should have a representative from the police come to a future meeting to discuss.
- The PAC agreed to send a letter of support for the South Park Master Plan. The chair will draft a letter and it can be approved at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 PM in Courthouse Plaza, Dogwood & Cherry Rooms