

## **Complete Safe Streets Committee Meeting Minutes**

Takoma Park Community Center

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm and adjourned at 8:27pm

### **Members**

#### **Constituting a Quorum:**

Diana McCown, Emanuel Wagner, Frank Demarais, Jessica Landman, Michael Moore, Laurie Kelly, Cindy Herrera

Lacey McMullan, on phone.

#### **Members Absent (excused):**

Mimi Diaz, David Cookson, Tracy Duvall

#### **Takoma Park Staff Present:**

Jamee Ernst

#### **Motions:**

Motion to approve minutes, Jessica moves and Frank seconds. Yeas: Mike, Jessica, Diana and Cindy. Abstained: Laurie Kelly

#### **Actions:**

- Jessica will reach out to Terry Seamans regarding interest from Ward 4 residents
- Jessica will reach out to the Youth Council
- Diana to reach out to Shana for girls scout recommendations
- Jamee will add CSSC to the council agenda at the end of March
- Committee members to meet, collectively, with our council members to see what issues they would like this committee to address.

#### **Committee Discussion**

- I. We are a small group and missing Emanuel's document with the recommendations we worded last meeting. We are in agreement to wait until the following meeting when we can have the final discussion.
- II. Jamee-council would like a separate document with recommendations instead of marking up the current code. Regarding the open meetings restrictions, we can send council members our recommendations but they cannot respond seeing other council members' responses. Jessica purposes emailing the members and reminding them of the open meeting requirements.
- III. Diversity and equity:
  - a. This topic got a lot of attention at the City's strategic planning retreat. There was a discussion about taking action to make all City Committees better reflect the population's variety in ages, home ownership status, ethnicity and interests. Maybe we can pro-actively discuss how our committee can tackle this.
  - b. Committees need to be reflective of our community

- c. Our CSSC group has one open spot and we are missing representation from Ward 4.
  - i. Suggestions:
    - 1. Reach out to council members for interested residents and have CSSC members reach out to the residents
    - 2. Post flyers in the apartment buildings
    - 3. Reach out to the youth council
    - 4. Reach out to girl scouts and boy scouts
    - 5. Reach out to residents' councils
    - 6. Mobility impaired community
    - 7. Hold meetings in other spaces, rec center on NH and common spaces in apartment buildings
      - a. Ensure specific topics/agenda items, perhaps include open forum to generate topics/issues for next steps for the Committee.
      - b. Have cookies
- IV. Parking working group
  - a. Update, the group is working on principals and guiding document around the best uses for currently available vehicle parking
- V. Where we go next when we have completed our recommendations as requested by the City Council.
  - a. What to do with/about other forms of transit (e.g. scooters, electric bikes)
  - b. Purple line and the NH corridor
    - i. There is long history of pedestrian safety at the crossroads
    - ii. What if our committee takes our recommendation to the state level, given that NH and University are state roads and the county, as it relates to Vision Zero. Invite Talisha and Sameera to a committee meeting. Committee would like to do a walk-through and meet with residents.
  - c. Noted issues or possible complications
    - i. State roads
    - ii. Multi-jurisdictional (TkPk/MoCo, TkPk/PGCounty, TkPk/DC)
  - d. What is the bike infrastructure in TkPk, what recommendations can we make; Jamee will circulate the county bike plan
- VI. Lucy Neher, Safe Routes to School representative will speak with us in March. We may be able to evaluate how well our recommendations for the sidewalk priority-setting process meshes with the SRTS program's recommendations.
- VII. Next meeting, Thursday, March 12, 2020 in the Hydrangea Room