

Takoma Park Complete Safe Streets Committee

Agenda – 11 June 2020

7:00 pm-9:00 pm, Zoom Virtual Meeting

Called to order: 7:07

Adjourned: 8:06

Members

Constituting a Quorum:

Cindy Herrera, Tracy Duvall, Diana McCown, Emanuel Wagner, Jessica Landman, Michael Moore, David Cookson

Members Absent (excused):

Frank Demarais, Mimi Diaz,

Takoma Park Staff Present:

Jamee Ernst

Committee Discussion

- Approval of May and February Minutes
 - Approved via email
 - Going forward all minutes will be approved via email, there is a 48-hour discussion period after posted, then will be posted to the city website.
- Update on Term Expirations
 - Council did not take up Committees for discussion at the last Council meeting
 - Council members are responsible for recruiting for the committees
 - Wards 4 (has no representation) Wards 2 and 5 are under-represented
 - Terms end June 30th. Applications are due prior to June 30th.
- Discussion of subcommittee and development of criteria for sidewalks and traffic calming
 - Mini group to work on the criteria for sidewalk and traffic calming requests- Tracy, Mimi, Cindy and Emanuel in collaboration with Daryl and will request input from Jennifer Toole from Toole Design.
 - Motion: Tracey moves, Mike seconds, to make a formal request to Jennifer Toole to join the sub-committee or provide a reference. David abstained, All else present in favor.
- Follow up on lowering speed limits and advocating to City Council
- Emanuel reached out to David Moon. The legislation is on recess
- Will Smith is now Chair of the committee and has interest in more discussion around lowering speed limits, especially regarding Vision Zero.
- We will move forward with legislation conversations and we will communicate with City Council the result of our discussions.

- Discussion of possible Committee involvement in road closures for social distancing and business operation
 - Council has already moved forward with closing part of Laurel for “Streeterly”
 - Crossroads and Holton Lane were added to the resolution for possible closure but nothing has taken place at this time.
 - Questions around the process of how business are able to secure sidewalk/parking space for outside business. Does each business have the same opportunity to have access to public outdoor space so their business can thrive in challenging times.
 - Survey on the city website for comment
 - The outdoor expansion is largely applicable for restaurants as a result to Phase 1 reopening requirements. There is language in the resolution to reflect public use of the open space. There is an understanding other business will use the outdoor space as they are allowed to open.
 - The resolution sunsets in December.
 - Closing off streets or parts of streets is something we feel falls within the committee’s tasking.
 - Encourage residents to complete the survey. The committee agrees to observe the next few months and review survey data prior to the date Council meets to discuss street closures and the process for business to request parking spots for outdoor extension for evaluation of a possible recommendation to Council.
 - Jamee will send the Committee the final Council resolution

- Purple Line
 - Cindy will reach out to Talisha to see if she can join our July meeting.

- Summer schedule discussion
 - We will meet July 9, 2020
 - Anticipating an August break but Jamee will confirm the date of the September council meeting

- Adjourn
 - Tracy moves Mike seconds