

Arlington PAC - March Meeting

Birch Meeting Room, Courthouse Plaza, 7:00 PM, March 12, 2014

MINUTES

Attending:

John Armstrong - Lyon Village

Eric Goodman

David Patton

David Goodman

Rosemary Ciotti

Christine Ng

Jim Feaster

Public Comment:

- An issue raised by email, by a citizen named Little McCreary. Danger to Pedestrians @111 S. George Mason Drive. Concern about no traffic signs for the crosswalk. David Goodman has made some physical improvements in this area, and he believes that a HAWK signal will be installed. David will write back to Little McCreary.

Minutes:

- Minutes for January the meeting were adopted with corrections. There was no meeting in February. County facilities closed early due to a snow/ice event.

Newspaper Boxes:

- Rosemary Ciotti spoke to the Disability Commission, and they endorsed regulation of newspaper boxes. Since they are a commission, they will write to the County Board, once we draft a letter. They will follow our letter.
- Rosslyn BID was interested in supporting this as well.
- Rosemary said that a letter is still a work in progress.
- Crystal City BID was supportive.
- Christine Ng mentioned this issue to the E2C2.
- This newspaper box issue was on the Transit Advisory Committee's recent meeting agenda.
- Bike Advisory Committee should be informed as well, because the boxes sometimes block curb-cuts. We should ask for their support.
- Next step is to have a more finished letter for circulation to the committees. Timetable – should be maximum 3 months. Would like to get some money in next year's budget for permitting.

Discussions about recent pedestrian incidents:

- Nottingham/Little Falls fatality of a parent attending to her child in her van is still under investigation. Posted speed on Little Falls is 30 mph. Average speed is less than 30 mph; 25 mph at school when flashing. This was not a crosswalk incident. Authorities tested the street for speeding and did not see it.
- Philosophical discussion: David Patton discussed that the laws favor motor vehicle operators. Pedestrians should not have to be the victims. We have given drivers the right to ignore the speed laws up to a point. Infrastructure can only take us so far, and then it is behavior modification. Is it fair?

Discussed snow clearing:

- Sneckdowns (snowy neck-downs (nubs)) were mentioned. There is a StreetFilm showing tire tracks on snowy roads which show how much road area vehicles need. Go to #sneckdowns to see the film.

New County Reporting Tool:

- This is both online and a mobile app. Who monitors or moderates this new app? How does this get to David(s)? Issues to be sent to them by department head's assistant.

New advisory committee pages:

- More information about the committees. You can download calendar events to your mobile calendar. Web pages are more focused on commissions. Publicly connected to our Google Group list serve. Can apply on line.

Neighborhood Complete streets committee presentation:

- Not sure where this is, but will keep asking Ritch Viola.

Rosemary - Real concern about cul-du-sacs. Reopening them would reduce driving distances.

Money for PAL implementation? Budget

Adjourned @ 9:10 PM