

Arlington Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC)

**Thursday, October 6, 2016**

Courthouse Plaza, Azalea  
2100 Clarendon Boulevard

**Minutes (unanimously approved without changes November 9, 2016)**

Present: Pamela Van Hine, Chair; Eric Goldstein, Vice Chair; Ellen Armbruster; John Armstrong; Jim Feaster; Eric Goodman; Christine Ng; David Patton; David Goodman; Alli Henry

Guests: Wendy Phelps; Dan Nabors

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:04 PM

**Invited speaker, Dan Nabors, TE&O Design Team Leader, Intersections and Streets:**

Mr. Nabors introduced himself to the PAC as an Arlington resident and a former member of the PAC. He provided an overview of the guidelines that govern and guide the design of intersections on Arlington streets. He discussed the process behind redesigning intersections, indicating that it can occur as part of a larger project, in conjunction with street paving, or based on demand for improvements.

Mr. Nabors explained to the PAC the different options that are available for pedestrian crossings, including unmarked crossings, marked crossings, enhanced markings, RRFBs, hybrid beacons, and traffic signals. The county will generally use the least complex option that meets the needs of the intersection. Mr. Nabors discussed with the PAC the issues that arise when there are “multiple threats” from multi-lane roads. He also explained the different options that they have with signal phasing to accommodate pedestrians, including leading pedestrian intervals, and pedestrian scrambles.

Mr. Nabors discussed the County’ prioritization of work, including hot spot mitigation at problem areas and the focus on significant corridors, such as Washington Blvd. Mr. Nabors responding to questions from the PAC. Questions included data availability, midblock crossings, and sightline issues from trees and parked cars.

The PAC thanked Mr. Nabors for attending.

**Items of Interest and Public Comment:**

E. Goodman provided a brief update on the Neighborhood Complete Streets Program, and indicated that he would have more to report after the next NCSC meeting.

Wendy Phelps from Toole Design Group introduced herself to the PAC.

**Approval of minutes from September 14 PAC meetings**

C. Ng moved to approve the minutes of the August PAC meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously, with amendments to correct typos.

## **MTP Street Element Amendment to create Pedestrian Streets and Shared Streets**

D. Goodman briefed the PAC on the proposed changes to the MTP Streets Element to create pedestrian only streets and to clarify and expand the purpose of Shared Streets (also known as Pedestrian and Bicycle Priority Streets). The proposal will be considered at the upcoming County Board meeting. The PAC discussed the changes. E. Goldstein moved that the PAC support the amendment to the MTP. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **4 Mile Run Valley Working Group Meetings**

C. Ng and P. Van Hine gave an update to the PAC on the 4 Mile Run Valley Working Group Meetings. The working group is currently investigating the current state of the area before moving on to create a vision for the area. It was noted that there is a tension between the desires of those who live in and near the area and those who travel to use the parks in the area.

It was noted that the 4 Mile Run trail closure will begin shortly.

## **PARK(ing) Day**

P. Van Hine gave an overview of this year's parking day. She noted that the event was cancelled last year due to risk management concerns. This year, in putting on the event there were increased legal and insurance requirements that made it difficult for many people to participate.

## **Additional Items Discussed**

The PAC was invited to join county staff at a webinar on intersection design put on by APBP.

A. Henry briefly updated the PAC on WalkArlington initiatives:

- They are collecting testimonials from people who work with WalkArlington.
- On October 5th, WalkArlington participated in Walk and Bike to School Day.
- WalkArlington will conduct pop-up events in anticipation of daylight savings time to distribute reflective gear.
- WalkArlington and other staff attended a pro-walk, pro-bike, pro-place conference in Vancouver.

The PAC will receive a more complete update on WalkArlington activities at the November meeting.

The PAC discussed issues with wayfinding signs around the East Falls Church metro station.

The PAC discussed the recent crash at Clarendon Circle, and expressed a desire to hear about the plans for improving that intersection.

The PAC briefly discussed the County's guidelines for the operation of advisory groups, including the open meeting requirements. The PAC will further discuss at the next meeting.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 8:57 P.M. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 9, at 7 P.M. in the Dogwood & Cherry Rooms.