

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE July 17, 2023

The Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) met in a public session on Monday, July 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Herndon Council Chambers, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon, Virginia. In attendance were Committee Members: Chairman Cesar del Aguila, Sherry Blanton, Darryl Branting, Annie John, Michael McFarlane, and James Nardei.

Absent Committee members: Michelle Duquette, Syed Iftikhar, Janis Linkov-Johnson, Ian MacDonald, and William Savage.

Staff members present: Bryce Perry, Deputy Director of Community Development; Fadrique Iglesias, Community Planner; Jonathan Franssell, Civil Engineer; and Aaron Zoellick, Clerk of Boards and Commissions.

1. Call to Order

Chairman del Aguila opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and stated that six members of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee were present which constituted a quorum.

2. Comments from the Audience

Mr. Andy Zavala provided a comment regarding wanting to get more involved in the community and the importance of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. January 30, 2023, PBAC Meeting Minutes

On motion by Committee Member McFarlane, seconded by Committee Member Nardei, the minutes from the January 30, 2023, PBAC meeting were approved by a vote of 6-0.

b. April 17, 2023, PBAC Minutes

On motion by Committee Member McFarlane, seconded by Committee Member Nardei, the minutes from the April 17, 2023, PBAC meeting were approved by a vote of 6-o.

4. Old Business

a. Public improvement project updates

i. Spring Street Pedestrian Improvement

Chair de Aguila recognized Mr. Perry for an update on the Spring Street Pedestrian Improvement project.

Mr. Perry discussed the Spring Street Pedestrian Improvement.

Committee members offered questions and comments regarding GPS re-rerouting around Spring Street, the difficulty of making left turns when the traffic signal does not have a left turn light, and signs for pedestrian crosswalks.

Chair de Aguila and Mr. Perry responded to committee members' questions and comments.

ii. Locust Street Pedestrian Improvement

Chair de Aguila recognized Mr. Perry for an update on the Locust Street Pedestrian Improvement project.

Mr. Perry discussed the Locust Street Pedestrian Improvement project.

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Committee members offered questions and comments regarding the timeline and funding sources for the project, Fairfax County involvement, the possibility of bonding as a source of funds, any history of the Town of Herndon using bonds, being consistent in which projects utilize bonds, options to accelerate this project, the possibility of conducting a survey of neighborhood residents, and safety along the sidewalks.

Chair de Aguila and Mr. Perry responded to committee members' questions and comments.

iii. Central Elden Street Pedestrian Improvement

Chair de Aguila recognized Mr. Perry for an update on the Central Elden Street Pedestrian Improvement project.

Mr. Perry discussed the Central Elden Street Pedestrian Improvement project.

Committee members offered questions and comments regarding bike lanes, the location of sidewalks, and the location of utility poles.

Chair de Aguila and Mr. Perry responded to committee members' questions and comments.

b. Transit-Related Growth (TRG) Small Area Plan Update

Chair de Aguila recognized Mr. Perry for an update on the TRG Small Area Plan.

Mr. Perry provided an update on the TRG Small Area Plan.

Committee members offered questions and comments regarding the timeframe for the project.

Mr. Perry responded to committee members' questions and comments.

c. Town of Herndon's Internal Traffic Engineering Improvement Committee (TEIC) Project Report and Lynn Street Proposal

Chair de Aguila recognized Mr. Perry for an update on the Town of Herndon's TEIC Project Report and Lynn Street Proposal.

Mr. Perry provided an update on the Town of Herndon's TEIC Project Report and Lynn Street Proposal.

Committee members offered questions and comments regarding the recent redesign of Park Avenue and Monroe Street, possible parking on Ferndale Avenue in front of the community center and in front of the golf course, possible use of zoned parking permits, and the relationship between TEIC and PBAC.

Chair de Aguila and Mr. Perry responded to committee members' questions and comments.

5. New Business

a. Bike to Farmers Market Day, July 20, 2023

Chair de Aguila recognized Mr. Iglesias for an update on Bike to Farmers Market Day.

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Mr. Iglesias provided an update on Bike to Farmers Market Day.

Committee members offered questions and comments regarding the timeframe for items to be given away, whether extra bike racks will be available, the possibility of providing extra space near the town tent for bikes to be parked, clarification about the raffle, and the possibility of providing water at the event.

Chair de Aguila, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Iglesias responded to committee members' questions and comments.

b. Pedestrian Safety Awareness Month (October 2023)

Chair de Aguila recognized Mr. Perry for an update on Pedestrian Safety Awareness Month.

Mr. Perry provided an update on Pedestrian Safety Awareness Month in October 2023 and sought input from committee members on possible events that PBAC could sponsor.

Committee members offered questions and comments regarding coordinating with schools, safety demonstrations or trainings, coordinating with the Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department, crossing guard training, coordinating with the W&OD trail patrol, a walkability event with the organization Jane's Walk, marathons and 5ks, stops set up during a walkability event near places to get something to eat or drink, and a ghost walk around Halloween.

Chair de Aguila, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Iglesias responded to committee members' questions and comments.

6. Comments

a. Comments from the Staff

Chair de Aguila recognized staff members for any additional comments.

Mr. Perry stated that there will be changes to the minutes for PBAC meetings to make them consistent with the minutes for other boards and committees. The town received a federal grant to complete the Comprehensive Plan.

i. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date

The next PBAC meeting date was confirmed for October 2, 2023.

b. Comments from the Committee Members

Chair de Aguila recognized committee members for any additional comments.

Committee Member Blanton stated a preference for standardizing no right on red turns along Elden Street

Committee Member McFarlane stated that right on red turns are necessary from Monroe Street

Committee Member Branting inquired about high-visibility crosswalks on Center Street.

Committee Member Nardei stated that stop signs on Center Street may be an eyesore.

Chair de Aguila stated a need for consistency in traffic signs and crosswalks.

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7. Adjournment

There being no further business, and without objection, the July 17, 2023, Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm on the motion of Committee Member Branting, seconded by Committee Member Nardei.

Aaron Zoellick

Clerk of Boards and Commissions

Minutes approved by the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee: