

**TOCC Public Services Committee
Agenda
February 9, 2017**

- This meeting is open to all Town residents
- Introductions, Announcements and Guests
- Approval of January 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- Jen Burton Resignation from PSC
- Summary of the February Town Council meeting?
- Discuss the traffic issues in the vicinity of CCEs; request was made for a wider Town wide traffic study; collect data to establish a “baseline” for traffic counts before new development kicks in. Todd will discuss this with (Mayor) Scott Fosler. PSC was advised that Mayor Fosler agreed to look at this in the spring
- Streetlights and Streetlight Requests – There are no new street light requests pending per the Town Office
 - The Town office has contacted the current NW block captains to see if they are still involved with NW and if they are willing to continue to serve; update NW roster and provide copies to the PSC; hold a (semi-annual) meeting for block captains to discuss various security and safety issues; for those blocks not having a block captain, publish in the Forecast the need for recruiting new block captains; update NW “map”
 - In the October Town Council meeting, Councilmember Mary Flynn “discussed an interest in evaluating the Town’s permit parking program in light of the increased development in downtown Bethesda. Voted 4-0, with Councilmember Bickerman absent, to ask the Town’s Public Services Committee to develop a study design plan related to the Town’s permit parking program and to present this plan to the Council at a future meeting for review and discussion” PSC chair spoke with Todd Hoffman regarding this assignment. Some ideas from this discussion: 1) Poll Town residents (what do residents want?); 2) Make entire Town permit parking; 3) Create “zoned parking”; 4) Discuss resources and cost needed for a study; 5) Timeline to implement. At the November PSC meeting, it was decided that “enforcement” of the existing parking regulations must start before we agree to take on any further study of permit parking. The current plan is for the Town/PSC to hold a Town wide meeting in late February to talk about parking, parking enforcement and what residents think about going to a “zoned” parking system in certain parts of the Town. The PSC will discuss at their February meeting what the “message” to Town residents will be/contain and how we should structure the meeting. The Draft of the announcement is as follows:

“The TOCC Public Services Committee is holding a meeting for all Town residents to discuss parking in the Town. Resident input is essential in planning for the impact of current and

future development in Bethesda on Town parking. An overview of existing Town parking regulations will be presented followed by resident comments on the following topics:

- Parking enforcement: Should current parking restrictions be more strictly enforced? Is the current parking pass system for visitors adequate for the needs of residents on streets with permit parking?
- Parking restrictions: Will more streets need to have permit parking as development continues? Should there be a change in the hours when permit parking is required?
- Zoned parking: What should be the range of the validity of permit parking on streets with restricted parking?

C that all attending residents have the opportunity to express opinions, we will ask residents to sign up when they arrive at the meeting. There will be a time limit on speakers and individual parking issues cannot be considered.”

- Discussion – Opening of Leland Street during rush hour
- Next Meeting – Thursday, March 9th at 7 PM; Adjourn