

Town of Chevy Chase Public Services Committee (PSC)
March 21, 2023

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom and was called to order by the chair at 7:35pm.

In Attendance

H. Berkof, Chair
I. Lane, Town Council Liaison
B. Barnett, Member
G. Prakash, Member
D. Worsham, Member
K. Rubin, Member
M. Coplan, Member
S. Schacter, Invited Guest

The minutes of the February 21, 2023 meeting were approved.

Howard Berkof provided a summary of relevant PSC topics from the February Town Council meeting that featured Montgomery County Council President, Evan Glass.

- Council President Glass discussed the introduction of the Montgomery County Safe Streets Act.
- The Town Council initiated a feasibility study of the 46th Street one way section near Walsh St. The study results will be presented to the PSC for consideration and recommendations.
- East West Highway updates. The Town Council, along with local delegates, met with the SHA on March 14 and the SHA agreed to put in a red light at the East West crossing. The project will take up to a year to complete the design and installation.
- Regarding the significant reduction in flow of Coquelin Run, the State Regulatory agency (MD Department of Environment) engaged and agreed to take on the project.

The PSC continued discussion on adding one way or bicycle signage at the entrance to Elm St. from 47th St. to discourage bicyclist from going the wrong way on Elm St. Further discussion with the Town Office is planned.

The PSC discussed next steps on the Slow Down and Stop Campaign.

- The introduction of the Slow Down and Stop Campaign was finalized for the April Forecast newsletter.
- Beth developed a website form for feedback that was included in the Campaign launch announcement in the newsletter.
- Gautam will develop the May newsletter article. Focus will be on a few “did you know” anecdotes regarding traffic safety and concerns in the Town.
- Each monthly article to focus on a different theme.

- The Committee discussed adding common signage around schools and public spaces, such as children at play. Subsequent discussion with the Town Manager revealed that several years ago it was determined that this signage presented a false sense of security and studies showed not to be effective.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm. The next PSC meeting will take place in person at the Town Hall on Monday, April 17, 2023.