

Town of Chevy Chase Public Services Committee (PSC)
April 17, 2023
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was conducted in person and was called to order by the chair at 7:15pm.

In Attendance

H. Berkof, Chair
I. Lane, Town Council Liaison
B. Barnett, Member
G. Prakash, Member
D. Worsham, Member
M. Coplan, Member

The minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting were approved with amendments.

The Committee discussed updates on the Slow Down and Stop Campaign. The following highlights and actions were discussed:

- Slow Down and Stop launched with the April Forecast newsletter. There has been a good number of responses (~20) received to date on safety ideas and observations. Beth will send acknowledgements to each person that took the time to write a submission.
- Section will be reserved in the Forecast newsletter every other month for the Slow Down and Stop Campaign. Gautam will develop the June newsletter article. Focus will be on a few “did you know” anecdotes regarding traffic safety and concerns in the Town. The August/September theme will be “Back to School.”
- Action to provide a reminder on the Town listserv reminding folks of the campaign and link to provide comments and ideas.
- Action to schedule a daytime Zoom meeting with Todd Hoffman and the PSC to ensure close partnership on campaign, discuss ideas, and solicit feedback.

Coquelin Run update provided by Irene. The MD Department of Environment assessed the concern of significant water flow reduction and determined no abnormalities. Unless new information is provided, no further action will be undertaken by the State. The Town Council continues discussions and is seeking follow-on meetings with the County, State, and Residents.

The Committee discussed the feasibility study of the 46th Street one way section near Walsh St. The Committee strongly believes this section should remain one way, however, is open to considering reversing the one way direction. Requesting the Town assess potential impacts/benefits of reversing the one way direction. For any potential changes, the Committee recommends the changes be implemented as a temporary pilot (6 months to a year), with traffic data collected prior to and after the changes to assess the results, prior to a final permanent determination. Any changes would follow the normal Town process, with communication to the affected residents and a public hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm. The next PSC meeting will take place virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.