

Town of Chevy Chase Public Services Committee (PSC)
May 16, 2023
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was conducted via Zoom and was called to order by the chair at 7:30pm.

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 April 17, 2023 meeting were approved.

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

- Beth provided a report of submissions to the TOCC feedback site, including initial binning into categories of informing and actionable items. General themes included:
 - Traffic concerns mostly around the areas of Stanford, West, East, Leland, and Maple streets
 - Several comments about bicyclists
 - Comments about pedestrians walking in the street
- Town updates:
 - 3 LED stop signs proposed in last few weeks
 - Resident on Bradley Blvd. offered yard for speed board
 - Police requested to be on the lookout for bicyclists going the wrong way
- Gautam led a discussion on the June article for the Forecast newsletter
 - June newsletter published with “Did you know” and encouragement to continue providing feedback and suggestions
 - Next article will be in September and focus on back to school; recommendation to include comments on biking to school
- Actions:
 - Review submissions to the TOCC feedback site and evaluate/recommend discreet actions (Michael and Donna) – FOR REVIEW
 - Provide a reminder on the Town listserv reminding folks of the campaign and link to provide comments and ideas (Howard) - OPEN
 - Schedule a daytime Zoom meeting with Todd Hoffman and the PSC to ensure close partnership on campaign, discuss ideas, and solicit feedback (Howard) - OPEN
 - Respond to resident who wants to volunteer for Slow Down and Stop Campaign, invite to committee meeting (Howard) - OPEN
 - Follow up with generic thank you notes to those who have submitted comments – provide template to Lily (Town Office) coming from PSC (Beth)

- Long term action: Organize a TOCC public forum/event for the Slow Down and Stop campaign. Invite residents to meet the PSC and share ideas. Include kid focus, such as art project, stickers, etc. Fall timeframe.

The Committee discussed the feasibility study of the 46th Street one way section near Walsh St. The Town provided a summary of options and the Committee recommends the option to implement a reversal of the one way, to be conducted 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. A public forum is planned in September and the Town will put together a letter to send to residents affected by issue, portions of Leland, Walsh, and West streets.

Regarding Purple Line Construction and impacts to Coquelin Run, the Town drafted a letter requesting additional review/support and is also engaging State delegates.

State Highway Administration provided a 30% design update on the East-West Highway Crosswalk. A red light will be installed at the crosswalk.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm. The next PSC meeting will take place in person Tuesday, June 20, 2023.