

Town of Chevy Chase Public Services Committee (PSC)
July 18, 2023
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was conducted 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
K. Rubin, Member
D. Worsham, Member
M. Coplan, Member
G. Prakash, Member

The minutes of the 20 June 2023 meeting were approved.

Updates were provided on Purple Line Construction and impacts to Coquelin Run. The Town requested assistance from local state delegates to address ongoing concerns with the Purple Line horn and bell policy and to gain traction with the Maryland Department of the Environment on taking action with regard to the drying up of Coquelin Run.

The Committee discussed the following topics related to the Slow Down and Stop Campaign:

1. Productive meeting with the Town Manager conducted in July to discuss the Slow Down and Stop Campaign, including exchanging ideas and visiting efforts that have been attempted in prior years to address traffic, pedestrian, and bike safety.
2. Speed assessment and consideration of widening Bradley Lane to relieve traffic congestion.
 - a. Potential opportunity to engage the State and County if the Town determines this course of action is of benefit to the residents
 - b. First step is the Town requesting Traffic Engineer provide an assessment and recommendations for speed, relief of traffic congestion, best practices/approaches, and potential impacts.
 - c. Second step would be engage and gain feedback from affected resident along and near Bradley Lane.
3. High visibility crosswalks. The Committee supports the Town Manager's recommendations for the installation of zebra striped cross walks.
4. Consolidated summary of Town resident feedback, efficiently organized and grouped by Beth Barnett. Each member of the Committee agreed to further assess and provide recommendations for each of the topic groupings:
 - a. Pedestrians; Walking in the neighborhood - Gautam
 - b. Biking/Bicyclists - Ken
 - c. School buses and other heavy vehicles - Donna
 - d. Stanford Street traffic/safety concerns - Michael
 - e. Communicate with people who submitted reports – Beth/Howard
5. September article for the newsletter to focus on return to school. (Gautam drafted)

The Committee discussed the Corso Chevy Chase Parking and Signal Analysis. The Town engaged a respected local traffic firm to review Corso's assumptions and recommendation. Committee members shared their feedback, questions, and concerns with Councilmember Lane.

The Committee agreed to maintain the same monthly meeting cadence for the FY23-24 session. PSC meetings will be conducted the third Tuesday of each month, alternating between in person and via Zoom. The next PSC meeting will take place in person Tuesday, 19 September 2023 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.