

Town of Chevy Chase Public Services Committee
September 20, 2022

Meeting Minutes

In attendance

Irene Lane, Town Council PSC Liaison
Howard Berkof, Chair
Beth. Barnett, Member
Donna Worsham, Member
Gautam Prakash, Member
Ken Rubin, Member
Michael Coplan, Member

The meeting convened at 7:00pm in person at the Town Hall. July 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved, with no changes. For FY22-23, the Committee will meet on the third Tuesday of each month. COVID conditions permitting, alternating meetings will be conducted in person at the Lawton Center and via Zoom. The next meeting will take place on October 18 at 7:30pm via Zoom.

The Telecommunications Working Group (TWG), led by Beth Barnett with committee members Ken Rubin and Michael Coplan, led a detailed discussion on the 5G implementation in the county and potential impacts to the Town if systems are deployed within Town limits. The TWG, in conjunction with the Town's attorney and a telecommunications attorney hired by the Town, developed a proposed ordinance providing guidelines on 5G equipment installation in the Town. The TWG provided one final review and provided to Ron Bolt, Town attorney, and Irene Lane, Town Council Liaison. Irene introduced the ordinance to the Town Council. There were discussions regarding draft design guidance for potential 5G equipment and preferred locations for deployment within the Town limits.

The Committee then discussed updates on two continuing topics. The Town continues to pursue safety concerns at the East-West Highway Crosswalk, managed by the State Highway Administration. Approximately 40 bollards were installed in the middle to slow traffic and increase awareness of the crosswalk. Updates were shared on Corso Chevy Chase progress (formerly the 4-H property). The Committee agreed to discuss at the next meeting parking considerations on the two streets adjacent to the property, Thornapple and Woodside Place.

Finally, Town Council Liaison, Irene Lane, shared with the Committee the Town's relationships with the local safety organizations (Fire, Ambulance, and Police).