Traffic Committee Meeting Notes
Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 7:00 pm
2nd Floor Map Room

Committee Chair: Darin Bartram, Chair; Bridget Hill-Zayat, Co-Chair
- Please provide Minutes for the Meeting

Committee Members: John Doherty, Daniel Martin, Leslie Olson, Tina Sherman, Eli Sola-Sole, John Thompson, and Anne-Marie Turner.

Attendees: Darin Bartram; Bridget Hill-Zayat; Matt Hoffman; Leslie Olson; Tina Sherman; Anne-Marie Turner; Sigrid Doherty; David Romeo; James Cooper; and Helen Williams.

Call to Order

Old Business

1. Farragut Avenue – Update on the installation of the quick curb and traffic delineators ("plug") at the intersection with University Boulevard.
   - The Committee asked staff to place the radar recording device along Farragut Avenue to determine if the average speed has decreased from eastbound traffic following the installation of the plug.
2. Police Officer Hiring – Update on the hiring of two part-time Montgomery County Police officers to enforce the Town’s vehicular traffic control restrictions.
   - Council Member Hill-Zayat updated the Committee on the MCP secondary employment recruitment and noted that the Town interviewed eight (8) candidates and looks to hire two officers. The Officers will be part-time employees of the Town and enforce our traffic restrictions/regulations for roughly 20 hours per week.
   - Staff noted that there was only one (1) violation during a ten-day period following a request to monitor the existing yellow curb restrictions at the intersection of Fawcett Street and Howard Avenue.
   - The Committee determined that they would not support an All Way Stop sign at the intersection.
• The Committee asked staff to continue to monitor the intersection for loading/parking violations for an additional three months and will revisit the issue at the next TC meeting.

New Business

1. Discuss adjusting the existing rush-hour signage on the north side of Town following the annexation.
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2. Discuss Chevy Chase Village’s automated/video traffic enforcement program and possibly instituting a similar program.
   • Council Member Bartram discussed CCV’s automated enforcement program, in which letters are sent to advising of a violation of a specific traffic control devise.
   • The letters are advisory only, as State Law prohibits automated enforcement with the exception of speed cameras, red light cameras, and school bus violations.
   • The Committee requested that staff contact the CCV’s contractor to determine pricing for a similar automated camera.

3. Enforcement Priorities – Discuss drafting a priorities list for the Code Enforcement and Police Officers.
   • The Committee discussed formulating an enforcement priorities list for the Code Enforcement Officer and part-time Police Officers.
   • The Committee members will review and discuss at the next TC meeting.

4. Discuss rotating the blinking Stop signs to various locations within the Town.
   • The Committee discussed rotating the blinking Stop signs to various locations throughout the Town.
   • The Committee agreed to move the blinking Stop sign from the ‘pitchfork’ to the intersection of Plyers Mill Road and Lexington Street for eastbound traffic.

5. Plyers Mill Road and St. Paul Street Crosswalk – discuss the possibility of adding a diagonal crosswalk to the intersection to match pedestrian patters.
   • The Committee discussed the possibility of adding a diagonal crosswalk at the intersection of Plyers Mill Road and St. Paul Street.
   • Anne-Marie Turner noted that this would not be allowed without a stop light preventing movement from each direction to allow a pedestrian to cross diagonally.

6. Discuss existing and potential parking restrictions around Noyes Children’s Library to prevent commuter parking.
   • The Committee discussed adding time restricted parking surrounding Noyes Children’s Library.
   • The Committee will recommend to the Council the designation of time restricted parking surrounding Noyes Children’s Library.

Adjourn