

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION  
May 28, 2019

The Vienna Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) met in regular session on May 28, 2019 in the Vienna Town Hall Council Chamber, 127 Center Street S, Vienna, Virginia. Chairman Ed Somers opened the meeting at 8:00 pm with the following Commissioners present: Leonard Ignatowski, Keith Aimone, Angela Sorrell, Julie Hays, Beth Eachus, Charlie Strunk and Tamara Redmon. There is one vacancy. Also present were Jennifer Sigler, TSC Clerk, David Donahue, Department of Public Works (DPW) and Sergeant Pete Elias, Vienna Police Department (VPD).

**Approval of the April 30, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Sorrell made a motion to approve the April 30, 2019 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Aimone seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 8 – 0.

**Department of Public Works (DPW) Report**

**Tapawingo Road SW and Kingsley Road SW** - DPW has started coordinating with our on-call engineering consultant to begin the design phase of the proposed curb extensions.

**Casmar Street SE** - DPW has completed the high visibility crosswalk striping at the intersections of Park Street and Casmar Street SE as well as Park Street and Fardale Street SE.

**Receipt of Petitions and Communications from the Public**

*These are non-action items for initial presentation only; three-minute time limit enforced*

**John Marshall Drive NW Traffic Calming – DPW Recommendations**

At the April 30, 2019 TSC meeting this commission heard the petition for traffic calming along John Marshall Drive NW. DPW performed and evaluated the requested traffic study in May 2019. Please note that this location is not an emergency route.

Road Segments:	Local Road from Lawyers Road NW to Center Street N
	Not an Emergency Route
	606 Vehicles per Day
	5% traveling 5 mph or above speed limit (TCG = 15%)
	85th Percentile is 27 MPH (TCG = 31 MPH)

The road does not meet the Traffic Calming Guide qualifications for traffic calming. DPW is not recommending any improvements at this time.

Commissioner Aimone asked if the height of the existing speed hump had been investigated.

Mr. Donahue replied it was determined the speed hump was not in disrepair and the height was appropriate.

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Ben Edwards, 608 John Marshall Drive NW, is concerned that the speed hump feels shallow and it is on top of a hill. He would like it to be physically measured. He expressed concern about the topography of the road: the driveways are recessed somewhat making it difficult to see oncoming traffic until it is only a few feet away.

Chairman Somers clarified a speed hump is meant to be crossed at 25 MPH, not to slow traffic below that.

Frank Farrugia, 612 John Marshall Drive NW, questioned the placement of the device, which was right over the speed hump at the top of the hill. Additionally there was an SUV parked right in front of the device during the study period that must have caused the poor results, in part. He suggested the study be redone at a different location. He believes there used to be a second speed hump before the road was repaved years ago.

Chairman Somers requested a second speed study be performed and to revisit this item again at the June 25, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Farrugia suggested the speed device be mounted on a telephone pole in front of his house.

Commissioner Sorrell added DPW should also measure the height and look at the location of the existing speed hump to ensure it is regulation and in the most effective location.

### **BAC Report**

BAC Vice Chairman Strunk said they had the first Community Bike Ride was held on May 17, with about 11 riders. Future Community Bike Rides are scheduled for June 7, August 2 and September 27. The Council meeting to discuss the relocation of the Church Street bike corral is scheduled for June 17. Potential locations include a parking space in front of Rita's Italian Ice, a space in Bazin's parking garage and an area in front of Red Galanga.

BAC Chairman Eachus shared a proclamation was read at the May 13 Council meeting identifying May as Bicycle Month. Flyers were passed out at community events announcing Bicycle Month activities and providing bicycle safety tips.

### **PAC Report**

PAC Chairman Hays advised the PAC is wrapping up the current draft of the Street Safety Guide. The TSC public hearing will be June 26 and the Council work session will be September 9. She hopes to have the document finalized before the end of the year. The PAC and BAC will be meeting with the Town Attorney to clarify the guidelines for the committees.

### **Reports of Commissioners**

Commissioner Redmon announced her term on the TSC has ended and she will not be returning.

Commissioner Strunk had been to Iceland recently and brought an example of a lighted speed indicator sign he had seen. It gives you a green signal with a “smiley face” symbol when you are driving the speed limit. If you drive too slow, you get a “sad face” and if you drive too fast you get an “frowny face.”

Commissioner Eachus asked when the pedestrian activated crossing signals on Marshall Road SW, which are in the process of being switched from solar to electric, would be active. She was informed it is in the hands of Dominion Energy.

Commissioner Hays advised a new petition may be in the works for Echols Street and Kramer Drive SE. There are concerns about pedestrian safety and they may want new sidewalk, traffic calming and/or a painted crosswalk. There is a school bus stop there.

Commissioner Sorrell is pleased with the new water fountains that have a bottle-filling feature located at Town parks.

Commissioner Aimone commended the Police on their management of the cyclists during ViVa! Vienna!

Commissioner Ignatowski was in New York City recently and observed “dismount and walk” signs posted at every entrance to Central Park. They seem to be very effective. On another note, Commissioner Ignatowski is concerned about basketball hoops that are placed in the street at the curblineline. He feels allowing them to be in the right-of-way may potentially be a liability for the Town. There is a basketball hoop on John Marshall Drive NW (same location as the traffic calming recommendations heard earlier) which may be a traffic hazard. He asked Ms. Sigler to ask this question of the Town Attorney.

### **Report of the Chairman**

Chairman Somers expressed concern about the growing number of electronic and motorized devices being used on the W&OD Trail. He announced he will not be able to attend the next meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> and asked Commissioner Eachus to chair the meeting.

**Adjourn** – 8:58 pm