

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION

January 28, 2019

The Vienna Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) met in regular session on January 28, 2020 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: Keith Aimone, Loginn Kapitan, Beth Eachus, Donna Smith, Charlie Strunk and SallyJean Penna. Absent were Leonard Ignatowski and Angela Sorrell. Also present were Jennifer Sigler, TSC Clerk, Andrew Jinks, Department of Public Works (DPW) and Sergeant Pete Elias, Vienna Police Department (VPD).

Approval of the November 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Eachus made a motion to approve the November 26, 2019 meeting minutes. Commissioner Penna seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 7 – 0.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Report

SMD (Shared Mobility Devices) Pilot Program - SMD documents were finalized, approved by council and are currently available online to the public. So far no vendor/operator has contacted DPW to express interest in the pilot program.

Answering Questions from Last TSC Meeting (November 26th) - Can a mirror (or other mitigation) be added to the Chick-fil-A drive-thru exit to improve the visibility of pedestrians/cyclists to customers exiting the drive-thru?

Answer: DPW has reached out to the owner of the facility and will continue to work with the owner on adding a mirror to improve the safety of the drive-thru exit.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications from the Public

NONE

BAC Report

BAC Chairman Eachus stated they discussed planned safety improvements along the W&OD trail. Town Council has approved some of the improvements in the CIP budget for 2021, including speed tables/raised crosswalks where the trail crosses Park Street SE and Church Street NE and increased visibility at the Maple Avenue E crossing as well as relocating the push button for the crossing signal to a safer location. Additionally, they talked about bicycle month, May 2020, which involves community bicycle rides (May 22), bike to work day (May 15), bike rodeo (May 9), bike to school day (May 6), the bike-walk challenge week (May 4 - 8), Caboose to Caboose bike event (May 2) and a proclamation by the mayor.

PAC Report

PAC Vice Chairman Smith shared their draft of the Street Safety Guide is on Town Council's February 10, 2020 Work Session agenda. Also they are collecting ideas for walking tours of Vienna, including an historical walk.

Reports of Commissioners

Commissioner Kapitan asked about all the work Washington Gas is doing throughout town.

Ms. Sigler explained to him Washington Gas had submitted over 100 right of way permits to allow them to upgrade gas service lines in several areas.

Vice Chairman Eachus requested an update on the Marshall Road SW RRFBs.

Mr. Jinks said he will check on the status of the Dominion Energy work order.

Commissioner Smith recently watched a video about the difference between roundabouts and traffic circles. She recommended everyone “Google it up” and watch it because it was very informative.

Commissioner Strunk asked Mr. Jinks about the Tapawingo Road SW and Kingsley Road SW improvements.

Mr. Jinks will provide an update at the next TSC meeting.

Commissioner Penna noticed there are two school zone 25 mph speed limit signs on Park Street SE even though the speed limit is already 25 mph. She also has never seen them blinking.

Sergeant Elias said they are there for additional awareness.

Vice Chairman Eachus added they only blink 30 minutes before school arrival and dismissal times.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Somers asked how Public Works will select the sidewalk projects that the large sum of money left to the Town will fund; ie: will the TSC’s sidewalk priorities be considered when choosing the projects?

Mr. Jinks replied yes, the TSC’s prior input will be considered, however the funding is limited for sidewalks ONLY. DPW is working with the executor to define that. Currently, the understanding is sidewalk only, no curb, gutter, storm structures or asphalt paths.

Adjourn – 8:35 pm