

CHCA Membership Meeting, Monday, Dec 7th, 2020, 7 pm – 9 pm

Location: ONLINE

Members present: Marian Gooderham, Ron Haddox, Sarah McKinley, Ed Miltenberger, Reggie Nixon, Eric Goldstein, Josh Folb, Jerry Cowden, Erin Wasiak

7:00 PM President's Update and the goals for tonight – (Ron Haddox)

7:05 PM Approval of the Meetings tonight agenda and the Nov 9th meeting minutes. (Marian and Ron) (8 in favor, Ed abstained bc not at last meeting, motion passes)

7:10 PM Form-Based Code – Update (Juliet)-N/A

7:15 PM [Update on MOU/MOA between BM Smith, Pike Park \(Reggie\)](#): nothing significant; clarified that store manager and regional manager of Walgreens are responsible for the Pike Park maintenance. Some improvements will come through County projects around the perimeter of the property.

7:20 PM Updates

- Newsletter (Marian)-will work on a New Year's edition
- 11th Street & Edgewood – STOP sign discussion – Letter/Plan (Marian) -see below discussion re the responses from Ben at the County
- NC Plan Update (NCAC next project proposal & 12/10 deadline, discussion.)

Vote to confirm our first priority project of the following:

1. **Missing streetlights:** Sarah proposes S Edgewood at Columbia Pike to 13th Rd. S and include side streets of 12th and 13th St. S and 13th Rd. S and looping back to Cleveland St.; replace old/existing and add new where lacking. (**Unanimous vote that this should be first priority**)

2. **Revive Cleveland St. Park:** small, not well-utilized space; may be better funded by a small grant

3. **Missing sidewalks:** must be contiguous on 3 sides for County to come in and connect the block; potential neighbor push back-need 60% agreement (not realistic when removing street parking)

*Sarah to draft verbiage for Ron to post on listserv and Marian on Facebook page regarding the vote.

- Affordable housing/Drew impact - (Erin & Marian) -Draft letter was sent to CHCA board today for review, comments due by 12/11.
- Green Valley/Columbia Heights - Boundary Vote at CivFed: boundary clarification was approved. Ron will check in with County to confirm map is changed.

- 3rd District Officer Introduction - Questions/Comments Planning for our next meeting on Jan 11th.

Officer will attend on 1/11. Concerns to discuss: Reggie-requests birds eye view of crime report/stats in our neighborhood; (Juliet via email) understand how police resources are deployed across the county, one division for North and one division for South Arlington? (Eric via email) traffic enforcement.

- Vision Zero - The County Board committed the County to this issue through the adoption of a "Vision Zero" policy, charging us to develop goals and action plans toward eliminating death and serious injury from traffic collisions. We encourage advocates for safe transportation options to get engaged through the County's Vision Zero Planning effort, <https://transportation.arlingtonva.us/vision-zero/>. Right now, our Vision Zero team is taking input regarding experience-based safety concerns. If you have a moment, please visit this website: <https://transportation.arlingtonva.us/vision-zero/get-involved/> to learn more about this planning process.

Eric (on Pedestrian Committee)- update, engineering standards, etc. what will County come back with next year. Policy-level decision making vs site studies/visits.

- Traffic Concerns in CHCA Review by [Transportation Engineering and Operations \(TE&O\)](#) team review your material and provide a status report regarding each of the following items you have indicated as incomplete or requiring follow-up.

List of Concerns/Requests:

1. Stop Line request for westbound approach of the intersection at 12th Street South and S. Edgewood
 - a. Stop Sign Location review to address visibility concerns at this intersection. Include any information available about landscape encroachments.
1. Stop Line(s) request (all directions) for 13th Street South and S. Edgewood
 - a. Stop Sign Location review to address visibility concerns at this intersection. Include any information available about landscape encroachments.
1. Crosswalk marking request at northern crossing of S. Edgewood and 11th Street South.

From my understanding, this would not be accommodated due to the fact that an accessible curb ramp does not exist at the northwest corner of this intersection. The crosswalk would be necessarily placed in direct conflict with the driveway apron at the rear of the Walgreens parking lot. A capital project would need to be identified to reengineer this location to provide an ADA accessible curb ramp. I also note from the street view at this location that the a manhole cover is almost directly aligned with a logical crosswalk location, which would complicate the work necessary to create the referenced curb ramp. As a reminder, marking a crosswalk does not create a "legal" crossing, nor does absence of a marked crosswalk represent an "illegal" crossing. A legal crosswalk exists whether it is marked or not, and pedestrians in Virginia may cross at any safe gap in traffic. Crosswalks are only marked where it is safe to do so and they meet necessary criteria, including accessible curb ramps at both ends.

Marian would like to counter and push for a crosswalk for a visual marker; request site visit; request other options.

1. Confirm location(s) of streetlights to be added along S. Edgewood – with noted location of block between 12th St. S. and 13th St. S.

Let them know we are submitting this for next NCAC project

1. Confirm intent and schedule for post-construction traffic investigation and 4-way stop analysis at S. Edgewood and 11th Street South.

We may need to have a description the behavior involving illegal u-turns better to assess this concern. My understanding has been that [It is legal to make u-turns within an intersection in Virginia](#) as long as the intersection is otherwise clear of oncoming traffic and/or pedestrians. Regarding illegal parking, parking enforcement is distinct from traffic engineering, and we would advise residents or businesses to refer to Police Non-Emergency 703-558-2222 for reporting in-process traffic violations.

Regarding 4-way stops, we remind requesters that STOP controls are placed in accordance with the Federal [Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#) (MUTCD), and not used as traffic calming but to control the intersection when warranted based on traffic and/or pedestrian volumes, as well as other specified criteria. Any individual or Civic Association may request an analysis of a STOP control, but there is no special treatment based on neighborhood. Each is analyzed independently and objectively based on the criteria referenced in the MUTCD.

Marian would like to counter and push for the 4-way stop; request site visit.
We've tried to propose solutions, which you reject, this road isn't safe, what will you do to make it safe?

1. Confirm locations and schedule, if available, for concrete projects for S. Edgewood curb ramps.
1. Traffic safety investigation for intersection(s) of S. Walter Reed Drive at 13th Street South and 12th Street South.

Based on another recent complaint and request for traffic enforcement at a nearby intersection – 14th Street S. and Walter Reed - Our [Police Special Operations and Traffic Enforcement Section](#) made a considerable effort to temporarily intervene with nearly all available enforcement methods we have available at this location. ACPD-SOS deployed a speed classifier at this location from August 25th – 31st, 2020, measuring over 56,000 vehicles. This classifier collects speed data, which showed that 12.8% of vehicles measured were traveling 5mph or more above the posted speed limit. 2% of vehicles were speeding at 10mph or more above the limit. While this is not an insignificant number of speeding vehicles, it does not meet the standard, County Board adopted definition of “speeding problem,” which is defined as “when the 85th percentile speed on the affected street/s or street segment is 5 mph or more over the posted speed limit”. DES-TEO may have more information to share upon review at the locations you've identified.

Counter with visibility issue vs speeding. What do you propose?

Merry Christmas Everyone!!!

8:10pm: Motion; Meeting adjourned