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Meeting Minutes Transportation Safety Commission

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

8:00 PM

Charles Robinson Jr. Town Hall, 127
Center St. South

1 Call to Order

The Vienna Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) met in regular session on March 28, 2023 in the Vienna Town Hall Council Chambers, 127 Center Street S. Chairman Beth Eachus opened the meeting at 8:00 pm with the following members present: Vice Chairman Angela Sorrell and Commissioners Leonard Ignatowski, Donna Smith, Loginn Kapitan, Peter Hartogs and SallyJean Penna. Commissioners Charlie Strunk and Ken Nahigian were absent. Also present were Andrew Jinks, Department of Public Works (DPW), Sergeant Pat Kiley, Vienna Police Department (VPD), and Jennifer Sigler, TSC Clerk.

2 Approval of the February 28, 2023 meeting minutes

Vice Chairman Sorrell made a motion to approve the February 28, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Kapitan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 7 – 0, with one abstention.

3 DPW Report

Project Updates - Maple and Nutley Signal Upgrades: DPW has submitted the final documents for advertisement for VDOT review and is awaiting final authorization to advertise. Once VDOT provides the final authorization, the project should be advertised within a week. Actual construction should begin in later 2023 or early 2024.

4 Receipt of Petitions and Communications from the Public

Julie Chapin, 103 Harmony Drive SE, asked that the goal of the Pedestrian Master Plan to have sidewalk on both sides of every street in town be updated.

Thomas Aly, 1820 Prelude Drive, asked if there was a plan to improve the traffic signals with pedestrian-friendly options.

Daniel Aly, 1820 Prelude Drive, asked about the plan for the Lawyers Road/Church Street NW intersection.

Ken Bailey, 923 Circle Drive SE, has noticed many motorized devices in use on the W&OD Trail and cautioned that adding more sidewalks will invite more of these devices.

Avril Garland, 917 Hillcrest Drive SW, is opposed to the proposed sidewalk. She would rather save the trees and the shade they produce. She suggested if there is a safety concern for pedestrians, the speed should be reduced, or a speed hump installed.

These are non-action items for initial presentation only; tjree-minute time limit enforced.

5 BAC Report

The BAC discussed the planned Walk and Roll activities, such as National Trails Day, Vienna Cycling Community Class, 5-mile Ride on Vienna Streets and Trails, Bike and Roll to School Day, Bike to Work Day, Tour d'Vienna Bike Ride.

6 PAC Report

Two walkabouts prepared by Girl Scout Audrey Kapitan were submitted to the PAC. The TSC will have a chance to review and edit them before approving them for publication at next month's meeting.

7 Reports of the Commissioners

Commissioner Ignatowski was recently in New York City and noticed the e-bike racks held 40 – 50 bikes and most of the racks were empty meaning the e-bikes are being used a lot. He also suggested that the Town should have an ordinance requiring that residents have to shovel their sidewalks within a certain number of hours. Vice Chairman Sorrell asked for an update on the Robinson Trust projects and how much money has been spent so far and how much is left to spend.

Commissioner Penna asked if the scooter pilot program was still in place.

Mr. Jinks said it was and he was working on a permanent ordinance for the scooters.

Commissioner Kapitan noticed a construction site that had a vehicle in the road and was not using flaggers. He was advised to contact DPW to report it if he sees it again.

8 Report of the Chairman

Chairman Eachus had a request from a Town Employee to put out information on what pedestrians should wear when walking at night, such as light-colored clothing or reflectors/lights.

9 Adjourn

9:00pm

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