

## Minutes of the Traffic Committee (TC) Meeting, May 22, 2023

Attending: Elizabeth Hurwit (chair), Sherry Khanna (member), David Leibovitch (member), Anne Yap (member), Kumar Vaswani (chair, Public Safety Committee), Robin Barr (council member), Ralph Wooden (Town resident)

### COMMENCED: 7:01 pm

1. Committee approved minutes of 4/11/23 meeting.
2. Elizabeth and David reported that the lighted stop signs have arrived. As of 5/11 Matt Trollinger was checking on whether the Town crew can install them (location: Falstone/Warwick intersection) or whether he will need to arrange for Veirs to do so.  
→Elizabeth to email Matt requesting installation as soon as possible, so that we can test them for a couple of weeks before ordering second pair by end of fiscal year  
→David and Elizabeth to alert neighbors near that intersection of installation and request feedback  
→David to write article for the Town Journal by 6/15 informing residents of installation at intersection near pool and likely second set at Dorset/Devon
3. Anne reported that the Town Council did not approve the Fehr and Peers sign inventory proposal (Option 1 of the 2/6/23 proposal) because more details about issues and purpose of inventory needed.  
→Elizabeth to send Anne examples of inconsistencies between signs and Town code  
→Anne to provide Matt with (1) examples of inconsistencies; (2) explanation of issue/photos of some streets being already full of parked cars and need for thinking about effects of home businesses and rental units; (3) explanation of need for more logic/consistency among parking regulation signs, especially if parking signs are to be enforced in future
4. Anne explained problem with traffic light at Dorset/Little Falls, which not only requires pedestrians seeking to cross LFP to push the button for a walk light but, more important, only turns walk light on for one side of Dorset—not both north and south sides.  
→Anne to write Montgomery Parks about the issue and request walk light be fixed  
→Robin to alert Andrew Friedson that we are making this request
5. Full committee and Kumar discussed the safe sidewalks memo drafted by the Parks and Natural Resources Committee and signed by Public Safety and Equity and Inclusion Committees as well. Definitely support unobstructed sidewalks and encouraging people to use them rather than streets, but do not agree with Point 4 about Town paying for removal of obstructions if residents don't comply.  
→Elizabeth to inform Josh Rosenthal of PNR of our position
6. In other business, Ralph Wooden raised concerns about poor signage for those turning left from Greystone onto River Road and cars constantly blocking that intersection, despite cross hatching.  
→Elizabeth to ask Matt to contact State Highway Administration to request left turn signage and to suggest repainting the cross hatching, yellow if possible

This led to a discussion of whether we could ask Town-contracted police officers to park at this intersection and warn intersection blockers and to ideas about other ways to enforce stop sign compliance and other issues. Two plans were discussed:

- The PSC collaborating with the TC, E&I Committee, PNRC, and other relevant committees on examining the Town's police program and explore options to increase accountability, transparency, and supervision of the program, as well as to seek more effective alternatives to the use of secondarily employed police officers and adapt the program to the public's changing expectations of law enforcement.
- The TC looking into lobbying the Maryland delegation to authorize photo enforcement of stop signs (as is done in DC)

7. Next meeting: Thursday, July 13, 2023, 7:00pm.

**ADJOURNED: 8:18 pm**