

## Minutes of the Traffic Committee (TC) Meeting, November 14, 2023

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

### COMMENCED: 7:01 pm

1. Approved **minutes** of 9/20/23 meeting.
2. Shared feedback received on **relocated lighted stop signs**: David reported he did notice a difference in the sense that cars seem to be slowing down as they approach the stop signs. Sherry reported that her husband was nearly hit by a car at the Dorset/Surrey intersection and, though it's not clear how much effect they are having, she is in favor of continuing to use them. Anne reported receiving a few noncommittal comments. Elizabeth reported receiving one negative and five positive responses. Current questions: one resident noted that they do shine in bedroom windows at night, can we address? Another requested a lighted sign at Deal/Little Surrey intersection, which is also obscured by foliage. Robin suggested we attach "school" and "come to complete stop" signs to the stop signs to improve compliance.
  - David to research light shield or timer for pm shutoff or possibly one additional lighted sign with timer
  - Elizabeth to look into additional signage that can be attached
  - Elizabeth to follow up with Matt Trollinger re clearing obscured stop sign
  - Committee to leave lighted stops sign where currently located at least until March, consider new location then, and decide when to relocate them back to pool intersection
3. Discussed Town support of potential state legislation to allow **photo enforcement of stop signs**: Robin confirmed that Maryland Municipal League not currently advocating use of cameras, thus we will not have their support, but he still wants to move forward.
  - Robin to contact our legislators and propose new resolution for Town Council to support
4. Shared updates on other previous agenda items:
  - a. **Parking sign inventory**: Matt just sent to Elizabeth an RFP for this job. →Elizabeth and Anne to review and provide feedback

The related issue of **enforcing parking regulations** has come up, as Matt has recently instructed police officers to issue citations for parking violations in response to call from resident about school bus being backed up on Dorset. →Elizabeth to call Matt to discuss need to hold off on enforcement until signs inventoried and updated
  - b. **Greystone/River Road intersection signage**: Marc Korman's office informed Matt that State Highway Administratio is considering adding signage for those making the left from Greystone, and has also said it views cars blocking the intersection as an enforcement issue to coordinate with local police. →Elizabeth to continue checking in
  - c. **Ineffective speed bump on Dorset** near top of hill after Surrey: Matt asked for information on proper bump height, which Cathy Pickar was able to supply. No further action yet. →Elizabeth to request bump be raised as soon as possible, and to note that this problem will recur as resurfacing continues in Town if bump specs not followed

- d. **Dorset/Little Falls pylon and walk lights:** The walk lights have been fixed; the pylon seems to have been knocked down; no action needed at this time
5. Considered **closing Dorset from Warwick to Little Falls on Halloween** next year: TC in support of this idea, perhaps opening pool parking lot to cars and having police support at Cumberland/Little Surrey, Dorset/Devon, Falstone/Warwick. →Sherry to draft TC recommendation to Town Council
6. Considered requesting the Town Council support state legislation I County Pedestrian Masterplan to (1) require drivers to yield to pedestrians who are waiting to cross the street and are still on the curb; and (2) allow lowering the minimum permissible speed limit from 20 mph to 15 mph. →Elizabeth to draft TC recommendation to Town Council
7. Other business.
  - a. Discussed how to report streetlight out at Wisconsin/Dorset to Pepco; Kumar sending TC information to help resident who located the problem
  - b. Elizabeth announced she will step down as chair at the end of the year and may resign from the TC altogether. Anne is moving out of Somerset and will resign from the TC as of 12/31/23. →Current TC members to solicit new members or consider folding into Public Safety Committee, though our missions are distinct, and it would be best to maintain a separate Traffic Committee
8. Next meeting: Thursday, December 14, 7:00pm.

**ADJOURNED: 8:25 pm**