**DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

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**ARLINGTON COUNTY DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Monday, May 20, 2024

The **DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION** convened its meeting at **7:00 pm** on **May 20, 2024**.

**PRESENT (VIRTUALLY)** Commissioner Alexa Mavroidis, chair

Commissioner Elizabeth Priaulx

Commissioner Karen Audant

Commissioner Doris Ray

**ABSENT** Commissioner Bryant Atkins

Commissioner Duncan Barron

Commissioner Justin Boatner

Commissioner Suzette Risacher

**STAFF** **Anna Maynard**

* *[Link to Teams Recording](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7y79hCJSysc)*

**SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

*Presentation on Shared Streets Pilot Projects*

Brian Shelton, Project Manager, Department of Environmental Services (DES), Transportation Planning provided an update on the shared streets pilot project*.* May 2024 concluded the feedback collection phase of the project.Mr. Shelton reviewed feedback collected via the following questions: when asked how someone moves along the three street corridors, 157 respondents reported, walking/rolling (42%), driving a personal vehicle (35%), riding a bike (17%), other (4%), and using a scooter (2%). When asked, how safe do you feel while traveling across the three street segments using the following types of transportation, respondents reported, *feeling very unsafe* when walking/rolling, *very unsafe* when riding a bike, *very unsafe* when using a scooter, and *safe to unsafe* when driving a personal vehicle. The themes shared in the open feedback were *speeding* which made walking along the street unsafe, *limited sight lines*, *distance*, *parked cars around the intersections*, *requests for sidewalks*, and *one way street conversion*.

Questions:

Brain Shelton-Project Manager, [beshelton@arlingtonva.us](mailto:beshelton@arlingtonva.us)

Michelle Stafford, NCS Program Manager, mstafford@arlingtonva.us

* [[Presentation Link](#_top)](https://arlingtonva-my.sharepoint.com/personal/bshelton_arlingtonva_us/Documents/NCS%20-%20Michelle/NCS_Pilots/Presentations/DAC%20Share%20Street%20Pilots%20Update.pptx?web=1)

*Chair report*

Chair Alexa, requested a update on the audible signal regulations (follow up with staff liaison).

The chair reported she resigned from the the transit advisory committee and accessible subcommittee (related to her new job). The chair reported she remains committed to STAR matters. The chair discussed partnering with Roseanne Ashby (serves on the accessibility subcommittee), who expressed interest in working with DAC and currently.

*Site Plan Review*

Commissioner Doris, Housing Commission did not meet in March and commissioner did not attend April’s meeting. There were no presentations on new housing developments or site plans.

*WMATA*

Commissioner Doris provided an update on the new state budget that will fund Metro and the regional funding scheme to get adopted by the jurisdiction (Maryland, Virginia, DC) involved in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Anticipate changes to some bus routes and services as well as Metro Access in July.

Note, WMATA had a 30th anniversary celebration of Metro Access in accordance with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirement for paratransit. The members of WMATA accessibility advisory committee were provided a two-day notice of the event. Commissioner Elizabeth offered a suggestion to first check under the Civil Rights section.

*Marcus Alert*

Commissioner Elizabeth reported the initiative has been finalized and procedure in place. Commissioner Elizabeth expressed concern; the report states police will come at the same time if there is no known weapon to be involved. There is no way to ensure the police will wait until a trained mental health officer or professional arrives at the scene. The good news, a great number of police are asking to be trained as a mental health police officer. Commissioner Elizabeth expressed her concerns to the were not well received by the committee. Commissioner Elizabeth will send draft to Courtney to send out to DAC.

* Marcus Alert Office [Site](https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/DHS/Marcus-Alert)

*Barcroft Land Use Analysis*

Commissioner Karen, reported on the community open house and survey between the residents and stakeholders. Many businesses have service vehicles such as electricians, house cleaners, Uber drivers. They are concerned about parking due to green space. The anticipated transition to green spaces will begin in phases. Phases 1 has started, which does not have accessible units. Phase 2 is renovations, a “couple” of accessible units will be added. The developer agreed 10% of 3,000 units will be accessible. There are concerns of where the accessible units will be in proximity to the surface level parking. The topography of the site in making the pathways accessible will be challenging. The developers are decreasing the number of vehicles per unit, based on the location for example one vehicle per unit to 1.5 vehicle per unit. This can be an equity issue for residents and businesses.

Commissioner Karen

Library was soliciting input on the future of libraries in Arlington. Commissioner Karen completed the survey encouraged commissioners to complete.

* [Information](https://library.arlingtonva.us/2024/05/15/future-of-libraries-questionnaire/)

Commissioner Karen volunteered at the Arlington Units Conference who partnered with Arlington Children Youth and Family. They brought together community organizations including Marcus Alert, harm reduction, county services with a focus on what can the community do and using the adverse childhood events model. This may be an opportunity for DAC to get involved in and with community organizations.

* Commissioner Doris

Requested to invite a representative from libraries to a DAC meeting to speak about the assistive technology room that is no longer in use.

**MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES**

Commissioner Alexa motioned to adopt January 29, 2024, meeting mintues with Commissioner Doris and Karen edits to add a sentence to the paragraph, noting the commissioners’ concerns, “*Commissioners mentioned concerns regarding community feedback received September 2023 were not incorporated as part of the opportunity for community engagement.*”

* Commissioner Karen seconded the motion.
* The Commission unanimously supported the motion 4-0.

Commissioner Doris motioned to adopted February 20th and March 19th 2024 meeting minutes.

* Commissioner Karen seconded the motion.
* The Commission unanimously supported the motion 4-0.

Absent

Commissioner Bryant Atkins

Commissioner Duncan Barron

Commissioner Justin Boatner

Commissioner Suzette Risacher

Meeting adjourned at **9:04 pm**.