D.C. Pedestrian Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Sept. 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Remote Public Meeting

Attendees: Katharine Gray, Kathy Davin, Eileen McCarthy, David Tumblin, Cheryle Adams, Dalton Howard, James Elliott, Heather Foote, Priscilla Magee. Agency reps: Joe Brown (DCPS), Karyn McAlister (DDOT), Dulce Naime (DPR), Rita Abou Samra (OP). Agency guests: Eloka Achebe, Emily Dalphy, Ian Maggard, and Abiodun Oladokun (DDOT). Public: Alex Rixey, J.I. Swiderski. PAC staff: Andrea Adleman.

Start: McCarthy convened the remote meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves.

MPD report: No report.

Discussion of sidewalk repair and maintenance: Elliott explained that this item follows up on DDOT budget recommendations the PAC presented in a [January 2020 letter.](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VxaPv8srWi6KSCet7lWqpBpNV0VXkUBt/view) The PAC specifically recommended funding for (1.) a robust, proactive sidewalk and crosswalk inspection and repair program and (2.) timely 311 responses to cases of pedestrian safety and accessibility. With input from other PAC members, Elliott and Foote developed follow-up questions for DDOT. Elliott facilitated a question-and-answer discussion with DDOT staff, reviewing the prepared questions. Following discussion, Elliott noted the PAC will analyze the new information received and identify next steps to advance the PAC’s priorities.

Discussion and vote on the Electric Mobility Devices Amendment Act of 2020: Magee facilitated discussion of the most recent version of the bill, expected to appear on the Oct. 6 Council Legislative Committee agenda. Magee referenced the PAC’s [November 2019 letter](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aqn2IZ65SqtC1HAJiqL6HViEoVBCenEx/view) and highlighted the changes contained in the current version of the legislation. Magee outlined a proposal for a new PAC position statement and responded to questions from PAC members. Following discussion, Magee summarized the new and modified points of concern to the PAC. Magee moved and Tumblin seconded a motion to submit a position statement incorporating the points of consensus Magee stated. Motion passed by roll-call vote with nine members voting in favor: Gray, Davin, McCarthy, Tumblin, Adams, Howard, Elliott, Foote, and Magee. [(Final 10/5/20 letter.)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o5JlGsQ2I5AxVHFPyZA4vfsc5jII6YPP/view)

DDOT report: McAlister provided an update on the Street Smart campaign and answered questions about this and other DDOT issues. Dalphy provided an update on installation of slow streets. The [slow streets page](https://ddot.dc.gov/page/slow-streets-initiative) displays the up-to-date status and includes a [survey](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScysW_U_fpkjxZXX9bkPPEoKFB0VUnaYdUV1Ueg_v0itFMr9w/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1) soliciting feedback about the streets’ usage.

Treasurer’s report: Adams reported the balance is $3,817.90.

Approval of minutes: McCarthy moved and Howard seconded a motion to approve the August minutes. By roll-call vote, the motion passed with eight members voting in favor: Gray, McCarthy, Tumblin, Adams, Howard, Elliott, Foote, and Magee.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.