

**Friendship Heights  
Transportation Management District  
Advisory Committee  
Sept. 8, 2015**

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**Voting Members**

Joe Dixon	GEICO
Tiffany Anderson (Chair)	Chevy Chase Land Company
Barbara Condos (Vice Chair)	Town of Somerset
Elizabeth Demetra Harris	Friendship Heights Village
Campbell Graeub	Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights
Christopher Itteilag	Somerset House Management Association
John Mertens	Friendship Heights Village

**Non-voting Members**

Sandra L. Brecher	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
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**TMD Staff**

Jim Carlson	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
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**Absent**

Nakengi Byrd	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
Charles Crerand	CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place
Chief John Fitzgerald	Chevy Chase Village Police
Matthew Folden	M-NCPPC
Kenneth Hartman	B-CC Services Center

**Guests**

Tim Balinskaskas	Sharp & Co.
Bob Joiner	The Agenda News
Julian Mansfield	Friendship Heights Village

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**Item 1, 2 & 3 – Introductions/Minutes/Chair Comments:** Chair Tiffany Anderson called the meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Meeting minutes for July tabled for lack of quorum.

**Item 4 – Update-Willard Avenue Parking Meters:** MCDOT staff, including staff from Parking Management, Commuter Services, and the Office of Transportation Policy, along with representatives of MobileNOW!, the County’s contractor for parking meter services, met with residents of 4701 Willard Avenue on August 20<sup>th</sup>:

- Parking Management staff briefed residents on the meter payment system and provided a comprehensive overview of the County’s parking policies.
- MobileNOW! staff provided a presentation on the MobileNOW! meter payment system, specifically the advantages of remote payment by smart phone, cell phone or land line.
- Commuter Services TRiPS Commuter Store staff attended the meeting and had SmarTrip cards available for purchase, along with a variety of commuter-related information.

**Campbell Graeub** briefed the Committee on his observations regarding parking usage after installation of the meters on Willard Avenue and Friendship Boulevard (handout), noting there are a large number of spaces available during the day that were not open prior to metered parking. **Mr. Graeub** said the meters are having the desired effect of increasing parking space turnover.

**Item 5 – County Updates:**

- International “Car Free Day” is celebrated each year on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. CSS staff and contractors will be on hand from 6:30 am – 9 am at the Friendship Heights Metro distributing gift bags and commuter information.
- Friendship Heights “Walk & Ride Challenge”, October 5 – October 23. Company teams compete for weekly prizes and bragging rights by counting steps in their daily commute. Walk & Ride is being promoted in all of the County’s transportation management districts (TMDs) – Friendship Heights, Bethesda, North Bethesda, Silver Spring and Greater Shady Grove.
- Montgomery County’s TRiPS Commuter Stores (Friendship Heights & Silver Spring) now offer personalized service to customers wishing to set up their MobileNOW! parking accounts. MobileNOW! is a pay-by-phone service available at the County’s 11,500 parking meters, and allows customers pay for only the time parked, extend or end their parking session.

**Item 6 – New Business and Around the Room:** **Mr. Graueb** provided a handout of problem areas at the intersection of Wisconsin Avenue and Wisconsin Circle. Issues included unfinished construction, piles of bricks and debris in the intersection, pedestrian tripping hazards, worn crosswalks, exposed electrical cables on signal poles. **Mr. Carlson** will follow up with State Highway Administration, District 3.

**Adjourn – Next Meeting Date: October 13, 2015**