

**Friendship Heights
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
January 12, 2016**

Voting Members

Barbara Condos (Vice Chair)	Town of Somerset
Charles Crerand	CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place
Joe Dixon	GEICO
Elizabeth Demetra Harris	Friendship Heights Village
Campbell Graeb	Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights
Christopher Itteilag	Somerset House Management Association
John Mertens	Friendship Heights Village
Charles Simpson	Chevy Chase Village

Non-voting Members

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

Nakengi Byrd	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
Jim Carlson	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services

Absent

Tiffany Anderson (Chair)	Chevy Chase Land Company
Chief John Fitzgerald	Chevy Chase Village Police
Matthew Folden	M-NCPPC
Kenneth Hartman	B-CC Services Center

Guests

Emily Davis	Sharp & Co.
Charise Geiling	Sharp & Co.
Bob Joiner	The Agenda News
Kevin Price	Sharp & Co.
Jeffrey Slavin	Mayor, Town of Somerset

Abbreviations:

APC = Agency Project Coordination

MCDOT = Montgomery Co. Dept. of Transportation

SHA = State Highway Administration

Item 1 & 2 – Introductions/Minutes: Vice Chair Barbra Condos called the meeting to order and members and guests introduced themselves.

Committee Vote: The Committee voted to approve July, September, October, November and December meeting minutes.

Item 3 – Chair Comments: Ms. Condos had no comments.

Item 4 – Draft Letter to Montgomery County Dept. of Transportation (MCDOT):

Committee Vote: The Committee voted to approve the draft letter with changes regarding coordination of utilities and road construction. **Sande Brecher** suggested that the letter reference the new Agency Project Coordination (APC) tool currently under development to help with the issues outlined in the letter.

Item 5- TMD FY 17 Budget Priorities: **Jim Carlson** said the Committee could submit edits to last year's priorities letter via email. The budget priorities will take place in two large meetings in which the Committee Chair will have a few minutes to present priorities.

John Mertens said he would like the County to study congestion pricing as one of the FY17 budget priorities.

Chris Itteilag suggested that designate Uber and Lyft pickup zones would be beneficial. The Committee discussed the County's current relationship with Uber. **Ms. Brecher** reported that Uber now has legal standing in the County as long as they fulfill their requirements. Technologies such as Uber, Uber Pool, Zip Car, bike racks and other trans network options should be studied and utilized for traffic reduction.

Item -6 Around the Room: Campbell Graeb raised several issues for continued discussion:

- Is parking meter enforcement is still being done on Willard Avenue and Friendship Boulevard? He has not seen enforcement recently. Also, reported a rude interaction with a person collecting fares when he inquired about enforcement.
- **Mr. Graeb** repeated his concerns regarding the ramp installed by State Highway Administration (SHA) at the corner of Wisconsin Circle and Wisconsin Avenue. Some Committee members are not convinced that the ramp is of benefit to sight-impaired pedestrians. The ramp poses a tripping hazard.
- Empty tree wells on Western Avenue posing a tripping hazard for commuters using the bus stops. **Mr. Carlson** will determine if DDOT or Chevy Chase Land Co. has jurisdiction over the area.

Item 7- Updates: **Ms. Brecher** announced that the Federal transit benefit now has parity with parking benefits as of January 1. Commuter Services is working on ideas to incentivize employers to take advantage of it.

Bob Joiner reported on the redevelopment of Parcel 6 on Shoemaker Lane. There are concerns regarding tree removal and added congestion in the area. Development can be preemptively limited by declaring some homes historical or buying up commercial property in the area.

Item 8- Adjourn – Next meeting date: February 9 [NOTE: February's meeting was canceled]