

Friendship Heights  
Transportation Management District  
Advisory Committee  
July 14, 2015

**Voting Members**

Charles Crerand	CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place
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
Chief John Fitzgerald	Chevy Chase Village Police

**TMD Staff**

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

Nakengi Byrd	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
Matthew Folden	M-NCPPC
Kenneth Hartman	B-CC Services Center

**Guests**

David M. Cohen	4701 Willard Tenants Association
Bob Joiner	The Agenda News
Saliann Kriegsmann	4701 Willard
Stuart Rabinowitz	4701 Willard

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

VOTE: Meeting minutes for Feb – June approved.

**Item 4 – Willard Avenue Parking Meters:** David Cohen, President, 4701 Willard Tenants Association, presented a signed petition from residents of 4701 protesting the installation of parking meters along Willard Avenue. Mr. Cohen was joined by Saliann Kriegsmann and Stuart Rabinowitz, also residents of 4701 Willard. Discussion Points:

- There was no targeted outreach to residents of 4701 Willard regarding the decision to install the meters, reinforcing the existing perception among many apartment dwellers that the County provides preferential treatment to homeowners.
- People have relied on free parking along Willard for many years. Mr. Cohen cited the high cost of parking in the building garage and the need for guest parking. For many residents, the cost of parking in the garage is prohibitive.
- Spaces previously available on Willard have been taken over as permit-only parking by single family homes west of 4701, further restricting the number of on-street spaces. Residents of 4701 were also not consulted on that parking change.

- Many remaining free spaces are taken by commuters that usually park all day, not vacating the space until after 5 or 6 p.m.
- Advisory Committee members and MCDOT staff explained the origin and rationale for the meters:
  - TMD members requested the Division of Parking Management to conduct a study of on-street parking in response to complaints of frequent parking violations, safety concerns (on Friendship Boulevard), and the lack of consistent enforcement.
  - Parking Management completed the study and recommended parking meters on Willard Avenue, Friendship Boulevard and northbound Wisconsin Avenue.
  - Friendship Heights Village was excluded from the study; the Village pays for its own parking enforcement. Village boundaries include the blocks north of Willard Avenue to Somerset Avenue, with Wisconsin Avenue forming the eastern boundary.
  - Parking enforcement is performed by a contractor, which will be paid for from a portion of the meter revenue. Police generally do not enforce parking, except in specific circumstances.
  - Parking meters and proper enforcement will ensure there is adequate space turnover and greater access for residents. Currently, many parkers are using spaces for all-day commuter parking, thus limiting space availability.
- MCDOT staff requested that Parking Management hold on the placement of Willard Avenue meters until the issue could be looked into and resolved.

**Adjourn – Next Meeting Date: July 14, 2015**

***Update:** MCDOT staff, which included personnel 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 20th. 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.*