

**Friendship Heights  
Transportation Management District  
Advisory Committee  
November 10, 2015**

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**Voting Members**

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

**Non-voting Members**

Absent

**TMD Staff**

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

**Absent**

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| Sandra L. Brecher     | 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                          |
| Christopher Itteilag  | Somerset House Management Association         |

**Guests**

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| Tim Balinskas        | Sharp & Co.                |
| John Drayson         | Green Acres Resident       |
| Bob Joiner           | The Agenda News            |
| Julian Mansfield     | Friendship Heights Village |
| Tom Quinn            | ANC 3E                     |
| Charles Simpson, Jr. | Chevy Chase Village        |
| Mayor Jeffrey Slavin | Town of Somerset           |

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**Items 1, 2 & 3 – Introductions/Agenda Review/Chair Comments:** Campbell Graeub called meeting to order due to Chair Anderson and Vice Chair Condos absence. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Welcome extended to new member candidate **Charles Simpson, Jr.** County Council to vote on nomination November 17.

**Chair Tiffany Anderson** arrived while the meeting was in progress and took over chair duties.

Previous meeting minutes vote tabled for lack of quorum.

**Item 4 – Continued Discussion-Pending issues:** The Committee discussed the following issues:

- **Mr. Mertens** said he would be interested in working with the Committee in some way that impacts Metro issues. **Gary Erenrich, Cathy Porter** and **Jim Calderwood** were discussed as potential invitees to discuss the issue.
- Metro Ridership Council is currently accepting applications – no appointed officials
- MD 355 construction issue: The State Highway Administration (SHA) reported that ongoing construction is due to signal upgrades. The raised concrete structure at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue & Wisconsin Circle was built by the state for ADA compliance. The Committee argued if that is the case then all curbs would be built with the design, which actually poses a walking hazard due to the differing grades.

**Mr. Carlson** commented that **Ms. Mookherjee** is the contact person at the SHA District 3 office. He has been in contact with her regarding the construction debris and barrels on Wisconsin Avenue. The Committee consensus is that there should be better follow by contractors with construction area clean up.

**Item 5 – Updates: Mr. Carlson announced:**

- Completion of the Walk and Ride Challenge – The Grand Prize winner was GEICO “Witness the Fitness” team. Team members won \$125 gift cards. The Washington Eye Physicians and Surgeons team, “Walkamolies” also won.
- The commuter survey will be open until November 23<sup>rd</sup>. **Mr. Carlson** encouraged everyone who received the email to participate.

**Item 6 – New Business/Around the Room:** Guest **John Drayson** expressed his concerns regarding the recent restricted access into his Green Acres neighborhood due to constant construction in the area.

Points of discussion:

- The Green Acres community accessibility was greatly reduced during the 18 month Pepco underground relocation of power lines, creating congestion in the surrounding areas.
- Willard Avenue was recently repaved only to have several new holes dug for additional utility needs.
- Construction permits are usually for six to eight months, but without an announcement about a firm start date. Road and utility work needs to be coordinated.
- Currently, there is one lane of construction on River Road, allowing only one lane of traffic.
- Committee members echoed **Mr. Drayson’s** comments and cited the disruption in putting in a left turn lane on River Road.
- Since the County does not currently require utility companies to restore roads to their previous condition, the Committee discussed working to change this policy making them more accountable.

District ANC 3E Representative **Tom Quinn** announced a joint meeting with Montgomery County and the District resulting in a letter asking for more policing of traffic violators. Also discussed at the meeting:

- Regional Services Director **Ken Hartman** called for further discussions regarding transportation projects, such as Metrobus and the Purple Line.

**Tim Balinskas** from Sharp & Co. announced they are working on the commuter survey by dropping off surveys to area businesses and are conducting commuter events at GEICO.

**Item 6-Adjourn: Next meeting date: December 8, 2015**