

**Friendship Heights  
Transportation Management District  
Advisory Committee  
May 9, 2017**

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**Voting Members**

Tiffany L. Anderson (Chair)	Chevy Chase Land Company
Barbara Condos (Vice Chair)	Town of Somerset
Charles Crerand	CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place
Elizabeth Demetra Harris	Friendship Heights Village
John Mertens	Friendship Heights Village
Charles Simpson	Chevy Chase Village

**Non-Voting Members**

Sandra L. Brecher	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
Katie Mencarini	M-NCPPC

**TMD Staff**

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

**Absent**

Joe Dixon	GEICO
Chief John Fitzgerald	Chevy Chase Village Police
Kenneth Hartman	B-CC Services Center
Christopher Itteilag	Somerset House Management Association
Manuel Ochoa	Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights

**Guests**

Bob Joiner	The Agenda News
Linda Johnson	Washington Eye Physicians & Surgeons
Julian Mansfield	Friendship Heights Village
Mayor Jeffrey Slavin	Town of Somerset
Stephanie Smarr	Chevy Chase Land Co.

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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.

**Item 4 – Wisconsin Circle Site Plan Changes:** Stephanie Smarr, VP of Asset Management for Chevy Chase Land Company, presented redevelopment plans for The Collection and Wisconsin Circle. Features discussed were:

- Restaurants with outdoor seating.
- Busy Bees play center opening in Summer.

- Remodeling of store fronts and signage – customer circulation in either front or back entrances.
- Timeline – everything built by mid-December, except the traffic circle by Sachs.
- The Committee discussed removal of the ADA ramp outside of Clyde’s – State Highway Administration claims to not be responsible for removal although they did the installation.
- **Ms. Anderson** discussed the maintenance liability agreement they have regarding facility upkeep during and after redevelopment – the developer approves the materials for facilities and infrastructure, while Chevy Chase Land Co. maintains the property.
- Tiffany’s will remain as part of The Collection; however, there will be a new mix of retail providing practical shopping and dining options keeping residents in Friendship Heights – five restaurants in total.
- New director of marketing hired to plan events, such as farmer’s markets and fitness groups.
- Parking in front of Tiffany’s will be handicapped accessible parallel parking – there will be a reduction of 70 spaces by the project end.
- The site plan has been submitted; however, it was amended due to issues with trees.
- Discussion regarding removal of the fountain and the accompanying art, which will be donated.
- Discussion regarding the lack of public bathrooms and other Added Public facilities (APF).

**Item 5 – Friendship Heights TMD Performance Report:** **Jim Carlson** distributed the final TMD report to voting members; the report is also available online. Also reported:

- Washington Eye Physicians expressed interest in the Committee as a large employer representative.
- The Planning Department conducted a “Reality Check” assessing key findings and recommendations of three current master plans, including Friendship Heights; the report provided an overview on transportation issues.

**Item 6 – Updates:**

- Bike to Work Day-May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Green Fest and Move Montgomery events were a success
- TRiPS Mobile store coming as a replacement to the Friendship Heights Commuter Store

**Item 7 – Around the Room:**

- **John Mertens** reported that he presented to the Council at their community meeting about installing a left turn lane from Willard Avenue going north on Wisconsin Avenue. He said the discussion of using a left turn signal is not sufficient – study needs to be conducted.
- **Sandra Brecher** announced that FY18 funding has been approved for the FareShare program, which is being revamped to attract more participants.
- Bicycle Master Plan meetings will be held starting June 6<sup>th</sup> and continuing throughout the month – opportunity for public comments

- Discussion regarding GEICO employee that was struck in the crosswalk while crossing Willard reported to be in critical condition; however, there were no further details.

**Adjourn: Next meeting June 13, 2017**