

**Friendship Heights
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
November 14, 2017**

Voting Members

Tiffany L. Anderson (Chair)	Chevy Chase Land Company
Barbara Condos (Vice Chair)	Town of Somerset
Joe Dixon	GEICO
Elizabeth Demetra Harris	Friendship Heights Village
John Mertens	Friendship Heights Village
Afua Ofori	Polinger Co./Large Employer
Charles Simpson	Chevy Chase Village

Non-Voting Members

Sandra L. Brecher	MCDOT/Transportation Policy-Commuter Services
Chief John Fitzgerald	Chevy Chase Village Police

TMD Staff

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

Absent

Charles Crerand	CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place
Kenneth Hartman	B-CC Services Center
Christopher Itteilag	Somerset House Management Association
Katie Mencarini	M-NCPPC
Manuel Ochoa	Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights

Guests

Emily Davis	Sharp & Co.
Will Kenlaw	MCDOT
Julian Mansfield	Friendship Heights Village
Mayor Jeffrey Slavin	Town of Somerset
Stephanie Webber	Sharp & Co.

Item 1 – Introductions/Minute Review: Chair Tiffany Anderson called meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves.

Item 3 – Chair’s Comments

Item 4 – Dockless Bikeshare Pilot: Gary Erenrich, Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) presented information on a dockless bikeshare pilot that has been underway since late October in Silver Spring. Topics discussed:

- Bikes can be moved if they are parked in the public right of way
- Montgomery County has agreements with two vendors with 350 area bikes – DC limited amount of 450 for the whole city

- Bikes should not be parked blocking public access, in areas near fire hydrants and bus stops - bikes are considered vehicles and associated towing fees apply
- Dockless companies shares rider information and collection of data – Montgomery County receives monthly reports on bike users
- Expansion into Takoma Park expected soon due to proximity to Montgomery College campus
- Two designated parking areas at the Silver Spring Transit Center and Veterans Plaza
- Discussion of revenues received from CaBi based on home address of credit card user – tourist revenue is shared among jurisdictions
- Demerit point system is used to discourage parking outside geo-fence boundary and in public rights of way

Mr. Erenrich explained that as dockless is expected to be expanded to Friendship Heights, pending the results of the Silver Spring pilot, it would be good to get the Advisory Committee involved in the decision making beforehand to have better control on how the system is run.

Some on the Committee expressed concern about the new dockless system undercutting the existing Capital Bikeshare (CaBi) system, as some businesses have made financial contributions to the CaBi system. Co-existence of the different systems is promising, although too soon to tell. CaBi is cheaper with its \$85 yearly membership that allows for unlimited rides under 30 minutes. Also, the County will need to find a way of addressing problems with improper parking, adequate service responses and bike distribution with participating dockless companies.

Item 5 – Marketing Outreach Update: Stephanie Webber of Sharp & Co announced:

- Commuter surveys were distributed to employers with 25 or more employees – conducting follow up with smaller companies
- Walk & Ride prizes will be given out this week
- Commuter Information Day at GEICO tomorrow November 15th
- Survey deadlines are usually before the holidays for a more accurate response – employers with 250 employees or more are surveyed every year
- **Campbell Graeb** expressed appreciation for repair of the four ADA ramps at Wisconsin Avenue and Wisconsin Circle
- There continues to be a need to repair the empty tree wells along Western Avenue as they cause hazardous tripping conditions for the sight impaired. **Mr. Carlson** has previously contacted the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), the agency responsible and will follow up again

Item 6 – Updates: Other announcements:

- Ride-On to launch US29 limited bus service – forum held November 29th, 6:30pm @ East County Regional Services Center
- Red Line scheduled track work Nov.25 - Dec.10
- Discussion of Vision Zero press release to reduce fatalities to zero from all vehicular collisions – engineering construction targeting biking and pedestrian infrastructure is the focus
- Update regarding making crosswalk on Friendship Blvd more visible

VOTE: The Committee approved September’s meeting minutes

Ms. Brecher reported that the Mobile Commuter Store held a grand opening event on Sept. 25th and are now selling MARC and MTA tickets – schedule posted on CSS website. Currently, however, there are driver insurance issues being resolved.

- Mobile Store will be at locations not easily accessible to Metro and equipped with staff able to explain transit options

- It was suggested that the Committee continue pressure to complete construction at Willard and Wisconsin to activate new traffic signals as soon as possible
- An update on Chevy Chase Land Company's redevelopment-
 - Landscaping removed in some areas for amp theater seating
 - Sight plan approvals obtained
 - Construction completion dates have not changed
 - Looking for new tenants for retail
- Park(ing) Day was a success – converting parking spaces into parks

Next meeting December 9, 2018