Friendship Heights
Transportation Management District
Advisory Committee
March 13, 2018

Voting Members
Barbara Condos (Vice Chair)  Town of Somerset
Elizabeth Demetra Harris  Friendship Heights Village
Christopher Itteilag  Somerset House Management Association
John Mertens  Friendship Heights Village
Manuel Ochoa  Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights
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
Tiffany Anderson (Chair)  Chevy Chase Land Company
Charles Crerand  CBRE Asset Services/Wisconsin Place
Joe Dixon  GEICO
Chief John Fitzgerald  Chevy Chase Village Police
Kenneth Hartman  B-CC Services Center
Afua Ofori  Polinger Co./Large Employer

Guests
Wade Holland  MC CountyStat
Julian Mansfield  Friendship Heights Village
Stephanie Webber  Sharp & Co.

Item 1, 2 & 3 – Introductions/Minutes/Chair Comments: Vice Chair Barbara Condos called the meeting to order. Members and guests introduced themselves. Meeting minutes were tabled and there were no Chair comments.


Vision Zero has six principles:
- Traffic-related deaths and severe injuries are preventable and unacceptable
- Human life takes priority of mobility and other objectives of the road system – roads should be safe for all users and all modes of transportation
- Human error is inevitable, but the transportation system should be designed to anticipate and mitigate error to reduce severe injury and death
- People are inherently vulnerable, and vehicle speed is a fundamental predictor of crash survival
• Safe behaviors, education and enforcement are all essential to a safe system
• Policies and practices at all levels of government need to align in making safety the highest priority for roadways

Montgomery County’s goals through Vision Zero:
• By 2019 - Reduce severe and fatal accidents by 35%
• By 2024 – Reduce severe and fatal accidents by 70%
• By 2030 – Zero severe and fatal accidents

Discussion:
• Distracted drivers not stopping at crosswalks – videotaped police stings, not enough police to give cite every violator
• Midblock crossings signal - yield signs are not as effective as flashing beacons
• Autonomous vehicles not included in Vision Zero plan – suggestion to be plan proactively for the impact of autonomous vehicles
• Ridesharing not included in Vision Zero plan; however, it is an issue due to illegal stopping causing traffic backups
• Rear-end fatal vehicle crash at Sommerset Terrace & Wisconsin Avenue - No Left Turn arrow at intersection late nights, light stays red
• TLC Grant for bike infrastructure education and discussion on information outreach to the community – videos other collateral materials
• Most fatalities are from single vehicle crashes, making causation and prevention education difficult – engineering fixes still available such as guardrails
• State Highway Administration (SHA) to install right green arrow for cars turning on red at Wisconsin Circle and Wisconsin Avenue intersection


Jim Carlson reported that the County Executive’s meeting with the County’s boards and committees will be Thursday, April 5th, 7-9 pm at the Executive Office Building in Rockville.

Item 6 – TMD Marketing Outreach: Stephanie Webber announced that her team is gearing up for Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 18th.

Manuel Ochoa suggested the Committee write a letter of support for the BRT system in anticipation that it could at some point be extended to the Friendship Heights area. He will circulate a draft for Committee input.

Item 7 – Updates: Sande Brecher announced:
• Driver issue resolved regarding the Mobile Commuter Store schedule – now scheduling two stops a day
• 4th Annual Montgomery County GreenFest is May 5th at Jessup Blair Park in Silver Spring
• Commuter Services website is being redesigned – Committee feedback requested

Item 8 – Around the Room: Friendship Heights Village Manager Julian Mansfield reported insufficient lighting at two midblock crossings on Willard Avenue; although the crosswalk at Whole Foods was measured with a light instrument and found to be adequate, the crossing further west at Shoemaker Farm Lane requires follow up.

Adjourn: Next meeting May 8, 2018