D.C. Pedestrian Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Nov. 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Remote Public Meeting

Attendees: Katharine Gray, Kathy Davin, Eileen McCarthy, David Tumblin, Cheryle Adams, Dalton Howard, James Elliott, Heather Foote, Priscilla Magee, Mark Rodeffer. Agency reps: Joe Brown (DCPS), George Branyan (DDOT), Dulce Naime (DPR), Rita Abou Samra (OP). Public: Adam Hoyt (ANC 3C06), Kevin Schlosser, J.I. Swiderski, Josha Wolfgram. PAC staff: Andrea Adleman.

Start: Elliott convened the remote meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves.

MPD report: No report.

Discussion of Slow Streets testimony: McCarthy facilitated a discussion about the Slow Streets initiative, topic of a roundtable the Council Committee on Transportation and the Environment held the morning of Nov. 16. The roundtable took place before the PAC met to consider its official position, but the record remains open to receive written testimony. McCarthy reviewed the statement of principles she drafted to guide discussion. Following discussion, McCarthy moved and Howard seconded a motion to submit testimony based on the consensus position. By roll-call vote, the motion passed with 10 members voting in favor: Gray, Davin, McCarthy, Tumblin, Adams, Howard, Elliott, Foote, Magee, and Rodeffer. [(Final 11/30/20 testimony.)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-kPPxwDgbaxoOO9c5yGIBqIBa4o4FmLI/view)

Discussion of DDOT rulemaking: McCarthy briefed the PAC on pedestrian-related provisions in the DDOT Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking (Notice ID N-0098986) published on Oct. 30, 2020. She drafted comments for the PAC to consider as official testimony, noting the rulemaking is related to the preceding Slow Streets issues. Members asked questions and provided feedback about the draft statement McCarthy circulated. Following discussion, McCarthy moved and Magee seconded a motion to support the principles as the basis of formal comment. By roll-call vote, the motion passed with 10 members voting in favor: Gray, Davin, McCarthy, Tumblin, Adams, Howard, Elliott, Foote, Magee, and Rodeffer. [(Final 11/27/20 comments.)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kboWlHtN_5th-KlzaSnckp0mOMPkpSB0/view)

DDOT report: Branyan presented a [written report](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kTd2Y8QtqS7jXycQG0185RTjKOclxQwL/view) about a new signal timing plan DDOT announced in early November. He shared an update on [signals with a leading pedestrian interval](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jS-pc8qI4_XODu1gZKCTjlyBAH9QSIDe/view) and answered written questions PAC members had submitted about the signal timing plan.

DPR report: Naime invited PAC members and the public to complete DPR’s [survey](https://ready2playdc.com/citywide-survey) about its Ready2Play master plan. The survey is open through Dec. 20.

Treasurer’s report: Adams reported the balance is $2,367.90.

Approval of minutes: Davin moved and Tumblin seconded a motion to approve the October minutes. By roll-call vote, the motion passed with nine members voting in favor: Gray, Davin, McCarthy, Tumblin, Adams, Elliott, Foote, Magee, and Rodeffer. Howard abstained.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.