D.C. Pedestrian Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Remote Public Meeting

Attendees: J.I. Swiderski, Kathy Davin, Eileen McCarthy, Cheryle Adams, Dalton Howard, Ameen Beale, James Elliott, and Heather Foote. Agency reps: Karyn McAlister, George Branyan, Linda Bailey, and Charles Turner (DDOT), Rita Abou Samra (OP), Joe Brown (DCPS), Dulce Naime (DPR), Sgt. Terry Thorne (MPD). Public: Emma Lipsky, Julia K. Stevenson (ANC 3F Streets & Sidewalks Committee). PAC staff: Andrea Adleman.

Start: Elliott convened the remote meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves.

MPD report: Sgt. Thorne reported there have been 24 traffic fatalities year to date. This includes six drivers, one passenger, 11 pedestrians, two bicyclists, and four motorcyclists/ATV operators. Fatalities since Sgt. Thorne's last report include two pedestrian fatalities at Hains Point in April, under investigation by the U.S. Park Police. New MPD cases are a June 13 pedestrian fatality in the 1500 block of 14th Street NW and a June 19 pedestrian fatality in the 5700 block of Georgia Avenue NW.

Voices from the Wards: No report.

Unfinished business: Elliott cited the PAC's ongoing efforts to gather information and formulate questions about the DDOT budget process. Members may send additional questions to Foote. The PAC was concerned about the status of the Ward 7 pedestrian bridge over I-295 near Deanwood. After it was damaged and collapsed in June, DDOT did not immediately commit to rebuilding it. The agency has since announced it will be reconstructed.

DDOT presentation: Linda Bailey, director of the DDOT Office of Vision Zero, reviewed a presentation on traffic crashes during the public health emergency. Charles Turner, who manages the Automated Traffic Enforcement program, updated the PAC about ATE. Turner responded to the PAC's written questions and answered additional questions.

OP presentation: Abou Samra presented on Our City Our Spaces, a playbook containing guidance to activate public space with low-cost materials and equipment. Abou Samra will keep the PAC updated as the playbook is finalized and released.

DPR report: Naime reported a new phase of public engagement is about to begin concerning the Ready2Play master plan. She will report in greater detail at a future meeting.

DCPS: No report.

Approval of minutes: McCarthy moved and Davin seconded a motion to approve the June 28 minutes. By roll-call vote, the motion passed with seven members voting in favor: Swiderski, Davin,

McCarthy, Adams, Howard, Elliott, and Foote.

Treasurer's report: Adams reported the account balance is $4,050.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.