

D.C. Pedestrian Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Nov. 15, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Remote Public Meeting

Attendees: J.I. Swiderski, Kathy Davin, Charlotte Lee Jackson, Dalton Howard, Ameen Beale, James Elliott, Heather Foote, Priscilla Magee, and Juan Ulloa. Agency reps: Karyn McAlister (DDOT), Rita Abou Samra (OP), and Dulce Naime (DPR). Public: Karthik Balasubramanian. PAC staff: Andrea Adleman.

Start: Elliott convened the remote meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves.

Voices from the Wards: Howard discussed pedestrian safety at various Ward 7 locations. He presented pictures of several multi-lane arterials and major intersections where speeding is common and pedestrian safety is jeopardized by driver behavior and other factors.

Unfinished business: Foote reported on the Nov. 15 Automated Traffic Enforcement roundtable in the Council Committee on Transportation & the Environment. The PAC delivered [official testimony](#) and seven other witnesses spoke. Four Councilmembers attended some or all of the roundtable. Davin summarized the DDOT dockless vehicle presentation from the October meeting and drew attention to the outstanding questions she and other PAC members have about ways to report violations. Elliott presented an outline of PAC FY 2022 goals and asked members to state their willingness to coordinate the topics. Members accepted oversight of speed management (Magee and Elliott), pedestrian crossings (Jackson and Ulloa), dockless vehicles (Davin), and safe accommodations at construction sites (Swiderski).

DDOT report: McAlister provided technical information about motorized bicycles the PAC had requested. She reported on traffic signal retiming underway in parts of Northeast and Southeast to include Leading Pedestrian Intervals, longer pedestrian crossing times to accommodate a slower walking pace, and adjustments related to the new Districtwide 20-mph speed limit. A PAC member is invited to serve on the community advisory group DDOT is forming for the Bladensburg and Benning Roads NE project. The regional Street Smart campaign began earlier in November with widespread media coverage.

DPR report: No report.

OP report: No report.

Approval of minutes: Davin moved and Ulloa seconded a motion to approve the October minutes. By roll-call vote, the motion passed with nine members voting in favor: Swiderski, Davin, Jackson, Howard, Beale, Elliott, Foote, Magee, and Ulloa.

Treasurer's report: Foote reported that Adams will discuss the status of the FY '22 budget allocation and updated account balance at the December meeting.

Administrative topics: Foote reported on the transition occurring in the administrative assistant role following the incumbent's Dec. 31, 2021, resignation. The PAC will have further discussion at the December meeting. Elliott and Magee are coordinating questions to submit to DDOT Director Everett Lott in advance of his scheduled appearance at the December meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.