D.C. Pedestrian Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Sept. 27, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
Remote Public Meeting

Attendees: J.I. Swiderski, Kathy Davin, Eileen McCarthy, David Tumblin, Pyrrha Hallums, Cheryle Adams, Ameen Beale, James Elliott, Heather Foote, and Priscilla Magee. Agency reps: Karyn McAlister (DDOT), Rita Abou Samra (OP), Joe Brown (DCPS), and Dulce Naime (DPR). Agency guest: Will Perkins (Office of Councilmember Janeese Lewis George). Public: Charlotte Jackson, Julia K. Stevenson (ANC 3F Streets & Sidewalks Committee). PAC staff: Andrea Adleman.

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

Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of agenda: Beale moved and Swiderski seconded a motion to approve the meeting agenda. By roll-call vote, the motion passed with nine members voting in favor: Swiderski, Davin, McCarthy, Tumblin, Adams, Beale, Elliott, Foote, and Magee.

Unfinished business: Elliott reported that the FY 2022 Budget Support Emergency Act (B24-373) is being enacted with a provision the PAC has long supported. The bill will dedicate Automated Traffic Enforcement revenue to Vision Zero initiatives and infrastructure projects, a position the PAC has recommended through years of testimony. Foote revisited the DDOT presentation from the July meeting and invited members to ask follow-up questions. Foote reported that the PAC could invite a DDOT specialist to the next meeting to discuss the dockless vehicle lock-to provision taking effect Oct. 1, 2021. Members expressed interest in such a briefing.

DDOT report: McAlister reported that the D.C. Office of Vision Zero is conducting a public education campaign around pedestrian safety in October. Ward 4 will be the site of the Georgia Avenue Open Streets event on Oct. 2. In November, the regional Street Smart campaign will release public service announcements with the “shattered lives” message. At the federal level, October is the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Pedestrian Safety Month.

DCPS report: Brown reported there is traffic congestion around newly reopened schools and pedestrian safety is concerning. Officials are increasing signage, cones around bus zones, and the number of crossing guards on duty to help protect children and other vulnerable stakeholders.

OP report: Abou Samra reported that the Our City Our Spaces playbook will be published in the coming weeks. She will notify the PAC when it’s released.

DPR report: Naime reported the Ready2Play master plan is being written and will be finalized in the coming months.

Election of PAC officers: Elliott reviewed the PAC’s previous decision to elect officers in September in order to synchronize officers’ terms with the fiscal year. Elliot called for nominations for the offices of chair and vice chair or two co-chairs. Elliott and Foote stated willingness to rerun for

co-chair seats and no other nominations were put forth. Elliott called for secretary nominations. Magee expressed willingness to rerun but encouraged other members to consider serving. Beale offered his candidacy for the secretary position and no other nominations were put forth. Elliott called for treasurer nominations. Adams stated willingness to rerun and no other nominations were put forth. McCarthy moved and Hallums seconded a motion to elect Elliott and Foote as co-chairs, Beale as secretary, and Adams as treasurer. By roll-call vote, the motion passed with 10 members voting in favor: Swiderski, Davin, McCarthy, Tumblin, Hallums, Adams, Beale, Elliott, Foote, and Magee.

New business: Elliott discussed other roles PAC members could perform to increase the PAC's reach and impact. Magee volunteered to monitor the D.C. Register for relevant legislation and hearings. Tumblin volunteered to be the open government liaison and administrative point of contact. Swiderski volunteered to be the alternate representative to the Major Crash Review Task Force. Elliott facilitated discussion of PAC goals and objectives, presenting lists of ideas members previously submitted. Elliott reported on a bill set for an October hearing that concerns abandoned vehicles. The legislation, the Removal and Disposition of Abandoned and Other Unlawfully Parked Vehicles Reform Amendment Act of 2021 (B24-302), includes provisions that could impact pedestrian safety. Beale, Swiderski, and McCarthy will draft testimony for the next meeting.

Approval of minutes: Beale moved and McCarthy seconded a motion to approve the July minutes. By roll-call vote, the motion passed with seven members voting in favor: Swiderski, Davin, McCarthy, Adams, Beale, Elliott, and Foote. Tumblin, Hallums, and Magee abstained.

Treasurer's report: Adams reported the account balance is $2,150.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.