

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 19, 2008

ATTENDEES:

Bill Pritchard, Chair

John Barnes

Larry Lannom

Susan Milner

Arthur Schatzkin

Lance Hoffman, Town Council Liaison

Absent: Blaney Harper, Monique Shimm, Costis Toregas

Guest: Charles Zeitlin, 3714 East-West Highway

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the January 29, 2008 meeting were approved.

STOP sign request at Curtis Road and Oakridge Avenue:

The report of Joseph Cutro, PE, was reviewed and the recommendations discussed. In the report, Mr. Cutro states that there is no basis for recommending an all-way STOP sign, but he makes specific recommendations regarding parking restrictions on the West side of Oakridge Avenue to ensure adequate sight distance for drivers west bound on Curtis who are turning onto Oakridge. He also suggests signage to address the limited visibility on Oakridge due to the crest curve north of Curtis Road and the sharp curve at the north end of the block, but suggests that an alternative to the signage is posting the 7200 block of Oakridge Avenue with a 20 mph speed limit. The speed limit change could be incorporated into the speed limit ordinance under consideration by the Town Council.

The PSC approved the following recommendation:

The 7200 block of Oakridge Avenue should be posted with a 20 mph speed limit. The intersection of Curtis Road and Oakridge Avenue should not be changed to an all-way STOP control. The recommended parking restrictions on the west side of Oakridge should be considered.

STOP sign request on Meadow Lane at Blackthorn Street:

The report of Joseph Cutro, PE, was reviewed and the recommendations discussed. In the report, Mr. Cutro states that there is no basis for recommending an all-way STOP control at this intersection.

The PSC approved the following recommendation:

The intersection of Meadow Lane and Blackthorn Street should not be changed to an all-way STOP control.

Speed limit restrictions in the school zone surrounding Chevy Chase Elementary School:

The chair will meet with Joseph Cutro to discuss signage, including the specification of time limits for the reduced speed limit, sign options, basis and mechanism for assessing double fines in the school zone.

Town Council actions:

Lance Hoffman reports that the Council approved the Traffic Restrictions and Signage Policy forwarded by the PSC.

Leland Center playground equipment:

Lance Hoffman reports that there has been removal of components of the equipment (e.g., the bridge) and partial repairs have been completed. No parts are available for some of the repairs. The design of the replacement is slated to begin this spring (FY 09) while the actual replacement is to occur one year later in the following summer in FY10. Members of the PSC again asked if the Town could work with the County to advance the replacement schedule. Susan Milner discussed various ideas to enhance and improve the playground and is willing to work with the County on the design.

Security:

Arthur Schatzkin and Susan Milner will meet with Todd Hoffman for an update on security issues in the Town and will evaluate the priorities for consideration by the PSC.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35