

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY April 9, 2007

ATTENDEES:

Bill Pritchard, Chair
John Barnes
Paul Blutter
Blaney Harper
Arthur Schatzkin
Lance Hoffman, Town Council Liaison

Absent: Larry Lannom, Costis Toregas

Guest: Michael Lebowitz, 7102 Oakridge Ave

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

Michael Lebowitz addressed the PSC regarding the lack of sidewalks on either side of Oakridge Ave between Curtis Street and Thornapple Street as well as Thornapple Street between Oakridge Avenue and Maple Avenue. There is substantial pedestrian traffic, including children going to and from Chevy Chase Elementary School. There is cut-through traffic on the nearly blind curve on Thornapple. He and his neighbors tried to get a school bus stop added at Oakridge and Thornapple, but the County denied the request since there is no sidewalk. Mr. Lebowitz stated that this is an urgent matter that has been delayed too long.

The minutes of the March 5, 2007 meeting were approved.

Sidewalk Policy: The draft policy submitted by Larry Lannom and Bill Pritchard was discussed and a modified policy approved for consideration by the Town Council.

The following motion was approved: Having recommended a sidewalk installation policy, the PSC seconds the previous recommendations of the prior Traffic Committee regarding sidewalks and urges the Town Council to give this project a high priority.

Electricity: PSC will inquire as to whether there has been follow-up action from PEPCO since the November meeting. John Barnes will discuss the rate increase hearings with Todd Hoffman.

Water: Plans to (1) evaluate the current construction plan set to begin in July 07, if funded; (2) review past events and criteria/proposed order of repairs. The proposed plan is in three phases: phase 1 for this summer with Phases 2 and 3 included in the Capital Projects budget for the following years.

Security: Reported on wide-ranging discussions with Todd Hoffman, covering police and private security patrols; camera installation; parking; specific areas (Elm Street Park,

CCES); Neighborhood Watch; town notification of current/immediate safety issues. Proposed that we develop a policy on whether the Town should provide notification of criminal activity or potential risks and, if so, with what threshold.

Information Technology: no report

Traffic: Traffic study for Chatham and Aspen has been completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.