

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 13, 2008

ATTENDEES:

Bill Pritchard, Chair
John Barnes
Catherine Cecere
Scott DeCain
Andy Freimuth
Sue Hill
Larry Lannom
Michael Lebowitz
Don Sherk
Monique Shimm
Al Lang, Council Liaison

Absent: Susan Milner Reynolds, Arthur Schatzkin

Guests:

Bari Schwartz 4300 Willow
Steve Keeble 4414 Walsh St

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

Open public comment:

There were no public comments.

The Chair reported two email requests:

Requests for zebra-striped pedestrian crossings at East Avenue at the Thornapple Path and at the intersection of Leland and 44th St where the sidewalk ends on the north side of Leland St. (Irving Kaminsky)

Continued concern regarding speeding on Bradley Lane and requests for speed cameras. (Stacey Alexander)

The minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting were approved.

The members of the committee were introduced.

Brief Updates:

Sidewalks:

Plans for the widening of Oakridge at the south end of the block are being developed for consideration to allow two-sided parking in front of two houses.

Chevy Chase Elementary School (CCES) Traffic Plan:

The CCES traffic plan has been implemented including erection of new signs and modification of the roadway along Hillcrest, even though the changes were only

approved at the August meeting of the Town Council. The Town and PSC will evaluate the effectiveness of the changes and need for modification.

Committee Organization

The PSC reviewed the 6 subcommittees and agreed that the 6 are appropriate.

Other discussion points:

The PSC may need to address trash and recycling services but that can be handled on an ad hoc basis and should not require a full sub-committee.

Speed cameras could reside in either Traffic or Security. There is overlap, but Traffic will have primary responsibility.

Work to assist aging-in-place is desirable for the Town. The chair reported that another Town committee (Community Relations) is active on the topic.

Committee topics with initial top priorities in bold:

Traffic

- a) **Assess CCES (November)**
- b) **Widening Oakridge Avenue to allow 2-sided parking (drawings nearly completed)**
- c) **Leland Center traffic as part of Town entry**
- d) Traffic intersections:
 - Leland and 46th
 - Oakridge and Leland
 - Leland/Oakridge/Maple
- e) Sidewalks, to include evaluating permeable surfaces
- f) Traffic patterns in general as well as specific topics:
 - CCES traffic (see above)
 - Leland Center traffic as part of Town entry (see above)
 - Alternative access to Connecticut with stoplight control, in addition to Rosemary
 - Process to reevaluate and revamp cut-through restrictions
 - Town entry and turn restriction timing
 - Cut-through traffic in general
- g) Speed cameras

Security

- a) **Identify the problems and resident expectations**
- b) Police services options
 - What services are needed?
 - How can they be structured?
 - Are more coverage hours needed?
 - Budget options?
- c) Prioritize needs and provide recommendations

- d) Communicate to residents what services we are receiving.

Parks

- a) **Elm Street Park – recommendations for improving the park,**
- b) Li Property Options – park, swimming pool, dog park, etc.
- c) Others: Zimmerman

Power/Electricity

- a) **Follow-up on earlier agreement with PEPCO for service improvements: status**
- b) Review the electrical distribution within the Town
- c) Define the areas that are vulnerable to loss of power, together with the potential causes
- d) Develop recommendations

Water Run-Off

- a) **Assess the state of the County's efforts, where are they in the 3-phased project**
- b) Assess the Town problems, working first with the County using the previous outreach and followed by contacting Town residents
- c) Define private versus public issues (storm drains and easements)
 - Between Underwood and Thornapple
 - Between Maple and Oakridge
- d) Identify any areas that have not been corrected and that were not identified in the County's original study
 - Potentially, south side of Lynn Drive at the entrance to the trail
- e) Propose water runoff options to include state efforts, e.g., storm drains on Connecticut or County improvements

Communications

- a) **Assure that the agenda is posted at least 7 days prior to the meeting**
- b) **Assure that the minutes are posted within 7 days following the meeting. Email concurrence by PSC members is acceptable**
- c) Keep web site current. For example, posting engineering diagrams during development of projects, e.g., sidewalks on Oakridge
- d) Reach out to residents across our 5 areas for their input and to provide them information

Sub-committee assignments (first name is the Lead)

Traffic: **Scott DeCain**, Catherine Cecere, Michael Lebowitz, Monique Shimm
Security: **Arthur Schatzkin**, Larry Lannom, Sue Hill

Parks: **Susan Milner Reynolds**, Don Sherk, Monique Shimm

Power/Electricity: **John Barnes**, Don Sherk

Water Run-off: **Sue Hill**, Andy Freimuth

Communications: **Bill Pritchard**, Andy Freimuth

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 11