

Public Services Committee

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Mission Statement

- PSC charged with helping the Town
 - Deliver high quality services
 - Promote a safe environment for residents
- Includes public services, provided by
 - The Town
 - Other governments
 - Private entities
- Services
 - Public safety
 - Water run-off
 - Utilities
 - Town maintenance

Meeting Schedule

- First Monday of each month
- 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- Town Hall
- Open public comment at 7:30

Current Focus

- Electrical supply
- Town security
- Public safety (traffic and pedestrian)
- Water run-off
- Information technology

Electrical Supply

- Meeting with Pepco representatives
 - Mayor Barnes, Councilman Hoffman, Town Manager Todd Hoffman
 - Better understanding of Pepco prioritization of line inspections and upgrades
 - Agreement to address service in the worst feeder line into the Town
 - Town and PEPCO will work together to identify tree trimming needs
- Town Forecast article on outages
 - **If your power goes out, don't assume someone else will call. Phone 1-877-PEPCO-62**

Town Security

- Met with Town Manager to broadly review security issues
- Identified and analyzing
 - Police and private security patrols
 - » Current level of support
 - » Effectiveness of schedule
 - » Appropriate level of spending
 - Parking regulations, enforcement

Town Security

Identified and analyzing

- Areas with specific security concerns
 - » Elm Street Park
 - » Chevy Chase Elementary School
- Surveillance cameras
- Neighborhood Watch
- Town notification issues-Policy
 - » Should Town notify residents of criminal activity or potential risks?
 - » Threshold for notification

Public Safety

- Role of previous Traffic Committee
 - Traffic control
 - Pedestrian safety
 - Working with the Council as it implements the Comprehensive Traffic Plan previously developed
 - » Speed and volume of cut-through traffic
 - » Pedestrian safety

Water Run-off

- Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation
 - Detailed study of Town storm water drains
 - Developed 3 phase plan for extensive repairs
 - Phase 1, potentially this summer
 - Phase 2 and 3 in the County's 5-year Capital Improvement Budget
- Review the details of the project
 - Order of work
 - Public notice of disruptions

Information Technology

- Met with Town Manager on Town's current investment in IT, web site strategy and electronic communication
- IT must be driven by policy requirements
- IT role in other communities
 - Service delivery
 - Economic development
 - Digital inclusion

Information Technology

■ Suggest

- Briefing Council on IT uses in similar communities
- Consider current issues and potential/proper role of IT
- Other Standing Committees consider use of IT
 - » Analysis of Town issues
 - » Communicating effectively with residents/Council
 - » Review work and outcomes of committee efforts with an eye toward beneficial role of IT

Priorities

- Address traffic control and pedestrian safety
 - Implementation of the Comprehensive Traffic Plan
- Evaluate and improve Town's use of security services
- Consider how application of information technologies can help the Town deliver improved services
- Continue to press PEPCO to address electric supply issues
- Continue work to repair the storm water drainage system