

## Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting 22-03

Thursday, March 10, 2022

7:00 PM

Virtual - WebEx

March Meeting WebEx Recording:

<https://rockvillemd.webex.com/recording/service/sites/rockvillemd/recording/e52f043682fc103abdff6280ae1512c4/playback>

### 7:00 1. Welcome, Meeting Recording, Introductions

- Approval of February Minutes - February minutes were not circulated before the meeting and will be approved in a subsequent meeting.

### 7:15 2. City Updates

- Baltimore Ave Project - still moving forward with delay
- Twinbrook Bridge RFP - The RFP has been released and responses are due later this month
- Scott Shared Use Path - MOU with MDOT is being updated.
- SHA Completed Review of Veirs Mill & Atlantic - Information will be shared with RPAC.
- Town Center Road Diet - Though RPAC advocated for this in its budget testimony, there are concerns about convergence of bike lanes, bus boarding, and vehicle traffic. Bryan noted that the city received the 60% drawings and staff is adding comments and elements necessary for this design stage. Project plan: construction in Summer/Fall
- Pedestrian Master Plan Update
  - There are 120 responses to the survey
  - Bryan was asked to include Shared Use Pathways/Trails in the PMP. This could be new pathways or improvements to existing/informal pathways. RPAC HOMEWORK is to identify those locations - preferably using this map: [https://www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/44399/City-Vicinity-Map\\_36x36](https://www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/44399/City-Vicinity-Map_36x36)
  - Letter to support grant for feasibility study of protective intersections at 355/Beall and Maryland Beall - Staff is applying for a grant from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to fund a feasibility study at the above noted intersections. These locations were chosen based on incident data as well as potential participation by SHA. RPAC supports this effort, however, had much discussion about other, perhaps more 'deserving' locations within the city (355 and Monroe, Veirs Mill and Atlantic, among others). RPAC will work with staff to ensure equity in applying for and distributing grant funds.

7:35 3. Incident & Enforcement Update

- See attached incident report for full data from February 2022.
- Details on the incident at Maryland Ave & S Washington: Eastbound driver on Maryland Avenue attempted to pass a vehicle stopped for a pedestrian in a crosswalk. The driver hit the pedestrian in the crosswalk. It was noted this was similar in nature to an incident at the same location two years ago (child on a bicycle was struck in crosswalk)
- RPAC members discussed engaging with or attending a meeting of the new Community Policing Advisory Board to discuss near-miss protocol and other issues.

7:50 4. Traffic & Transportation Commission Update

Committee continued its discussion on the Traffic and Transportation Commission's re-chartering efforts and formal representation on the Commission.

The committee voted unanimously in favor of an RPAC-designated member to serve in an ex officio/advisory capacity to the City of Rockville Traffic & Transportation Commission.

Chair Fulton will send formal notice of this design to city staff and the commission.

8:20 5. Contributory Negligence/RBAC

Dave Stinchcomb provided additional detail on the issue of contributory negligence and RBAC's proposed letter to Mayor & Council. RPAC members expressed their general support and interest in this issue as it moved forward. Committee members suggested that RBAC also seek support from Maryland's District 17 delegation, as well as other safety-oriented advocacy groups.

8:45 6. Open Discussion

- Pedestrian safety was discussed during the recent Twinbrook Community Association meeting. Marissa will circulate the recording link.
- King Farm Community Association - Will be a discussion of pedestrian safety at their monthly meeting - March 16, in the wake of a recent serious incident.

9:00 7. Adjourn

Chair Fulton adjourned the meeting at 9:02 PM

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