

Minutes of July 2018 Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee Meeting

1. In response to a Board of Directors request, the TLUC discussed formulation of a policy for Personal On-Demand Storage units (PODS) within Parkfairfax. The Chair presented the results of researching PODS policies enacted by several Fairlington condominium associations as well as the City of Alexandria and Arlington County. In general PODS are not considered “vehicles” and normal parking regulations do not apply. Alexandria treats PODS much the same as construction equipment (e.g. dumpsters, cranes, scaffolding, etc.) that encroaches upon the public right of way. Before placing PODS on City streets, approval by the City Department of Transportation and Environmental Services is required and the duration is limited to 30 days. Arlington County has a nearly identical policy. Various condominium policies range from prohibiting PODS on common elements altogether, to short term placement upon prior approval. The Chair will coordinate with the Covenants Committee to develop a proposed policy for Parkfairfax, incorporating City regulations for PODS placement on City streets.
2. Bicycle rental stations were discussed briefly as well as the just-announced Arlington County approval of “dockless” bikes and motorized scooters on a trial basis. Establishing a Capital Bikeshare station in Parkfairfax is a work in progress.
3. The Chair announced that VDOT’s communication director for the I-395 sound walls project, Mr. Geoff Vetter (AECOM) has been replaced by Ms. Kaela Grealish (AECOM). Ms. Grealish has re-initiated the request to consulting firm McCormick Taylor for more detail supporting the sound wall balloting results. Following receipt and analysis of this information, the TLUC will seek permission from the Board to invite VDOT to brief the community.
4. The TLUC discussed the City’s “Report and Detect All Registrations” (RADAR) program that was the subject of a Letter to the Editor published in the July Forum. The RADAR program was approved last year by the City Council and administered by the Department of Finance to ensure all

residents fulfill their obligation to pay personal property tax. RADAR is a City-wide program patterned after a similar effort in Fairfax County.

5. The Chair reported recent travels on the NEW Metrobus 22A service that now includes a Pentagon City loop. This service runs off-peak weekday midday and evenings every 30 minutes to 10PM and hourly on weekends. Connecting to Metrorail at Pentagon City provides a more people-friendly environment as compared to the desolate after-hours Pentagon bus station. Hopefully providing direct travel between S. Fairlington, Parkfairfax and Pentagon City (via I-395) will boost ridership on this hard fought service.

A number of other interesting topics of local interest were discussed briefly, underscoring the value of directly attending our TLUC meetings. In that regard, the next exciting TLUC meeting will be Thursday August 9th at precisely 7PM in the Party Room. Hope to see everyone there

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