

Minutes of October 12th 2021 Parkfairfax Transportation & Land Use Committee Meeting

A small, but enthusiastic, group of TLUC members gathered (via Zoom) for the monthly October meeting.

1. The Chair announced that in lieu of appearing before the TLUC, Ms. Vicki Caudillo, Alexandria's Shared Mobility Planner (T&ES) had agreed to participate in a virtual community-wide "Townhall" event on November 16th at 7PM. There is much interest and there are many questions surrounding the proliferation of dockless e-scooters and e-bikes, including regulations governing proper usage and parking which Ms. Caudillo will address. Ms. Caudillo will also address installation of new Capital Bikeshare station in Parkfairfax near the Charles Barrett school. The Townhall will be promoted in the November newsletter, by email and by social media. It is hoped that a wide cross-section of the community will participate.
2. A Parkfairfax unit owner in the process of obtaining an electric vehicle (car) attended the TLUC meeting and volunteered to work with the Chair to develop a roadmap to establishing an electric vehicle charging station(s) in Parkfairfax. There are many aspects to be addressed including gauging current and projected demand, impact on parking, pricing, usage eligibility, enforcement, to name a few, that must be addressed. The TLUC will develop and ultimately present a recommendation to the Board for due consideration.
3. There was a lively discussion about the most under-utilized form of transportation in our community, namely public transit. Despite DASH being entirely fare-free, and Metro fares substantially lowered, Parkfairfax residents are seldom seen onboard. Unless ridership rebounds, this resource (which increases our property values) is likely to disappear. A TLUC member is exploring fun ways to promote the extensive bus network that we are so fortunate to have here in Parkfairfax.

In view of the November 11th Veterans' Day holiday, and the November 16th Townhall, there will NOT be a regular TLUC meeting next month. Our next regular meeting will therefore be on Thursday December 9th at 7PM. Hope to see you then.

Best regards,

Bob Gronenberg
TLUC Chair