

Minutes of Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Uses Committee Meeting of 09 May 2019

The Parkfairfax Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) met in informal session on 09 May to review and update topics of interest to the community.

Of principal importance was the Alexandria Transit Company (DASH) Board of Director meeting of 08 May, attended by dozens of Parkfairfax residents including several TLUC members. Speaker after speaker echoed a common theme, noting that their decision to reside in Parkfairfax was due, in large part, to the excellent bus services we currently enjoy. All speakers from Parkfairfax and other communities spoke in opposition to the Alexandria Transit Vision Plan which threatens to completely unravel the existing bus network as early as July 2020. The DASH Board has received scores of email inputs as well, all in opposition to the changes.

The TLUC has invited DASH GM/CEO Mr. Josh Baker and his team for further discussions at a community meeting on Monday June 3rd, 2019 at 7PM in the Party Room. This will be advertised via social media, email and the June newsletter.

Last year the TLUC drafted a proposed policy for Personal On-Demand Storage (PODS) units and worked with the Covenants Committee to finalize. The TLUC Chair researched policies in neighboring jurisdictions and communities in order to create a viable approach for Parkfairfax. It was understood the Covenants Committee intended to pursue approval by the Board of Directors leading to implementation, although the TLUC members are unaware of current status.

The TLUC had extensive discussions of lighting options for Parkfairfax. While porch (stoop) lighting guidance and pool lighting are being addressed, there remain many areas along walkways, in parking lots and elsewhere that suffer from inadequate and inconsistent illumination. The two parking lots on Preston Road are a good example. The upper lot is illuminated by a floodlight (albeit undocumented) mounted on building 821, whereas the lower lot is totally dark and only lit by car headlights.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the TLUC is Thursday June 13th at 7PM in the Party Room.

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Chair

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