

Citizens Advisory Committee on Transportation

February 14, 2018 - 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm

TJ Elementary School Media Center

Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendance

CACT Members

Member	Present
Andrea Caumont (Chair)	Yes
Paul Baldino (Vice-Chair)	Yes
Bill Ackerman	Yes
Doug Devereaux	Yes
Addison Heard	yes
Steve Knight	No
Dave Gustafson	Yes

City Staff

1. Jeff Sikes

Liaisons

Liaison	Present
David Snyder (City Council)	Yes
(Planning Commission)	N/A
(Youth Representative)	N/A

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Action Item: Approval of the Minutes for March 2017 and November 2017 CACT meetings
3. Committee Member Reports
4. Staff Reports
5. Information Item: CACT 2017 Priority Tracking Sheet
6. Action Item: Election of Officers for 2018
7. Discussion Item: Annual CACT Report to City Council for 2017 (to be presented on February 26th)
8. Information Item: Envision Route 7- Phase III Conceptual Engineering Study
9. Discussion Item: Nelson/ Nygaard Report on Small area Planning Area 8 (Schools parcels)
10. Correspondence and Attachments:

- a. Micro-transit article from Washington Post
- b. 2018 Falls Church Boards and Commissions Goal Setting

1. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

2. Action Item: Approval of Minutes for the March 2017 and November 2017 CACT Meetings:

The minutes for the March 2017 CACT Meeting were not approved as a quorum of those members was not present. The Minutes of the November 2017 CACT Meeting were approved.

3. Committee Member Reports:

- Paul reported that he attended the City Council Retreat on February 10th and that walkability was a major issue discussed.
- Dave inquired about the construction at the EFC Metrorail station and why it is taking so long.
- Andrea stated that she intends to attend the panel discussion on Resilient, Sustainable Development and how these features can be incorporated into the West Falls Church Development project. The discussion is hosted by the City of Falls Church Environmental Sustainability Council. She also noted that Addison had been reappointed to the CACT for another term, and that Paul Baldino had been appointed Treasurer of Nova Parks. She also reported that neighborhoods along Lincoln Ave had approached Council to thank them and staff for the new crosswalks along Lincoln Ave.
- Council Member Snyder commented on the meeting with Fairfax County Supervisors and WMATA staff about the WMATA proposal for the land owned by WMATA at West Falls Church. He also spoke about funding for WMATA and the hostility for Northern Virginia in the General Assembly.

4. Staff Reports:

- Jeff reported the new reorganizational changes affecting the Department of Development Services. The Department has been renamed to Community Planning and Economic Development Services (CPEDS). Jim Snyder has been named Department Director and will pursue economic development matters. Paul Stoddard has been named as Planning Director.

5. Information Item: CACT 2017 Priority Tracking Sheet:

Paul will update the CACT Project Priority Tracking Sheet to reflect 2018 CACT Initiatives.

6. **Election of Officers for 2018:** Andrea Caumont was re-elected as Chair-Person and Paul Baldino was re-elected as Vice-Chair for 2018 by a vote of 5-0.

7. Discussion Item: Annual CACT Report to City Council for 2017:

The Committee reviewed the CACT Annual Report for 2017 which will be presented to the City Council on February 26th. In addition to the report attachments will include the Walkability Survey, Memo on Parklets and memo on lower speed limits.

8. Information Item: Envision Route 7-Phase III Conceptual Engineering Study:

Included in the CACT meeting package was a draft report on Phase III of the Envision Route 7 Transit Alternative Project being conducted by NVTC. The project has selected an alternative mode (bus rapid transit) and alignment (Tysons to Mark Center via EFC Metrorail). Phase III will further define cost, identify areas of concern, develop typical sections and identify right of way needs for the project. The City is being asked to participate in Phase III by the contribution of a portion of the study cost and having the City Manager sign a Memorandum of Agreement. The project will take about a year once the consultant is selected.

9. Discussion Item: Nelson/Nygaard Report on Small Area Planning Area 8 (Schools Parcels)

This is a transportation study funded with a TAP Grant, the Nelson/Nygaard report on the small area plan for the Schools Parcels looks at the mobility and accessibility of the site for future schools and commercial mixed- use development. The study looks at ways to accommodate travel demand to and from the site, provides better connections to local and regional transportation facilities such as Rt. 7, the WFC Metrorail station, I-66 and the W&OD Trail. The goals of the study are to increase mode choice and reduce reliance on vehicles, increase walkability and community connectivity, support infill and support transit oriented development. The study acknowledge challenges to site development including significant barriers to walking and bicycling, lack of street connectivity and poor access and wayfinding to the nearby Metrorail Station. The report makes a series of recommendations to meet the identified challenges and to meet the goals of the study.

