



**- MINUTES -**  
**VISION ZERO ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
East Park Community Center

April 27, 2023

**ATTENDEES**

**COMMITTEE**

Amanda Key, Christine Irizarry, Joy Andal, Katherine McDonell, Kemar Small, Peter Robinson, Shandira Edgecombe, Koby Langner, Chris Bowe, Jeremiah Wooten, Christopher Sandwith, and Wesley Smith

**STAFF**

Jon Boghozian, Anna Dearman, Justin Cole, Ben Vaught, Guneet Saini, and Madison Fitzgibbon

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Hannah Sasscer and Ben Hubert

**1) Call to Order**

- The April 27, 2023, meeting of the Vision Zero Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mr. Wooten in the absence of Chair Robinson and Vice-Chair Sasscer. Mr. Wooten was nominated by the committee to serve as the temporary Chair until Chair Robinson arrived later in the meeting.

**2) Roll Call**

- Present: Chair Peter Robison, Joy Andal, Chris Bowe, Shandira Edgecombe, Christine Irizarry, Amanda Key, Koby Langer, Katherine McDonell, Kemar Small, Wesley Smith, Jeremiah Wooten, and Christopher Sandwith
- Absent: Vice-Chair Hannah Sasscer and Ben Hubert

**3) Approval of Minutes**

- March meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**4) Unfinished Business**

**a) Streetlight Discussion**

- Ms. Andal moved to defer the streetlight discussion indefinitely, and Mr. Bowe seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**b) Election of New Members**

- Mr. Langer announced that this meeting would be his last as he has accepted a position with NDOT.
- Mr. Small also announced that he would resign from the group as he would be moving out of Nashville.
  - Further discussion on his replacement will be done in the next meeting as he plans to be present for the May meeting.
- Committee was intended to be 15 members, but with one member having dropped out at the beginning due to moving out of Nashville and now with Mr. Langer leaving, the group will be down to only 13 members.
- Mr. Boghozian presented on how the ranking system for applicants was designed to score the 52 applicants.
- The applicants were also mapped to determine area representation, and backgrounds were assessed to ensure a diverse body of members.
  - Mr. Boghozian recommended Phillip Peck to fill the marketing representative and Ryan Renfro to fill the community representative.
    - Phillip Peck is a freelance video producer who scored a 59 out of 100 with an emphasis in transportation and located in area 37 on the location map.
    - Ryan Renfro is a transportation engineer in training who scored a 92 out of 100 with a certification in roadway safety (roadway safety professional – RSP).
- The committee also heard member recommendations from Ms. Edgecombe and Ms. Irizarry.
  - Phillip Peck, Kevin Warner, and Lindsey Ganson were some of the recommended names.
- Mr. Wooten moved to nominate Phillip Peck to fill the marketing representative role.
  - Chair Robinson seconded the motion.
  - Motion was approved unanimously.
- Mr. Bowe moved to create a subcommittee to further review applications to fill community representative role and future openings.
  - Mr. Wooten seconded the motion.
  - Motion was approved unanimously.
  - Committee nominated Mr. Bowe, Mr. Sandwith, and Ms. Edgecombe to serve on this subcommittee.

### c) 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Resurfacing Project

- Mr. Boghozian presented proposed safety improvements for a resurfacing project from West End Avenue to Park Plaza.
- Ms. Irizarry raised concerns about the lack of sidewalk from the dog park to Park Plaza as there is poor visibility around the bend of this intersection.
  - The parks department did not identify this area as a crossing, but this area may be re-assessed based on the recommendation.
- Ms. Key asked if there would be sidewalks in coordination with the bus stops.
  - Mr. Boghozian ensured the group that he will be coordinating with WeGo on bus stop placement and has built into his plan to fill in any missing sidewalk gaps along the route.
- Chair Robinson suggested implementation of raised medians if unable to raise the crosswalks because of the speed of travel on this road.
  - Mr. Boghozian stated that although raised crosswalks are not recommended for roads with over 9,000 cars traveled and this road has closer to 15,000, this option has not been ruled out completely. The other concern with raised crosswalks is the presence of emergency service vehicle routes in the area.
  - Mr. Boghozian plans to present this situation to NACTO for further follow up.
- Mr. Small suggested signalized stop light crossings over the rapid flashing beacons as cars tend to ignore the flashing lights, which would be very dangerous with the high speeds on this road.
- Mr. Small also suggested narrowing the lanes and making one lane a designated bus lane to help slow cars down.
  - Mr. Boghozian stated that the staff analysis supports moving forward with four lanes of traffic over three, however, there is opportunity to narrow the existing lanes as the road is currently very wide. They have been more intentional with adding raised medians and curb reductions in lieu of taking a lane.
  - Beyond the extents of the project, it is 4 lanes, MCSP (Major and Collector Street Plan) has a 4/5 cross-section, generalized land use surrounding the corridor is predominately residential (not mixed-use), there has been no observed serious injury or fatal crashes.
- Mr. Small asked if there would be physical barriers, such as trees, on these raised medians.
- Ms. Andal inquired if there were better ways, we can paint the crosswalks outside of the standard piano keys to bring attention to the crossings.
  - Ms. Edgecombe also mentioned the marketing aspect of having items like these that makes the community feel more attached to the environment.
  - Ms. Irizarry stated that the bridge is already decorated, and this theme could be continued throughout this area.
    - This discussion feeds into the Tactical Urbanism presentation that was given later in the meeting.
- Mr. Smith asked if the vision of this area would be a dense residential area and if so, he suggested reconsidering the idea of lane reduction to slow down the speed of vehicles and to allow for more space for sidewalks and bikeways.
- Ms. McDonell asked to clarify the committees' role in influencing the presented projects and recommended presenting items that are still being considered by NDOT to keep comments condensed.
  - This opened a discussion to the group on whether the committee needs to meet more frequently, add a time constraint when discussing different topics, or opening the conversation outside of the meeting time?
  - Mrs. Key recommends issuing some type of scoring system to be able to review and comment on agenda items prior to meeting as a group to try and streamline which topics are most important to the group.

### d) Main Street & Church Street Resurfacing Projects

- Mr. Boghozian presented the proposed transportation planning efforts for these two corridors.
- Mr. Small asked if the corridor near Church can be capped.
  - Mr. Boghozian stated TDOT has investigated capping on and off highway ramps in the past, but this would probably be outside the scope of vision zero at this time.
- Ms. Edgecombe asked if evaluating the different quadrants of the road was done towards the beginning or end of the process?
  - Mr. Boghozian stated that these are evaluated at the beginning of the process, and they are currently assessing different cross sections and engaging the community on these sections.

## 5) New Business

### a) Fatal Crash Review

- Mr. Boghozian would like to issue this as a standing agenda item for all meetings moving forward.
- Crash reports will be posted on the committee's SharePoint for members to review ahead of the meetings and members may move any fatal crash audit forward for discussion.
- Chair Robinson asked if we have a timeline on when crash report data will be up to date?
  - Mr. Vaught stated reports are caught up through January and most of February at this point. By the May meeting reports should be caught up through March and most of April.
  - Mr. Boghozian stated the consultant hired for these reports is on the WalkBike Board in Knoxville and working hard to get these reports up to date. We expect to be fully caught up by summer.
- Mr. Vaught then presented on current fatal crash report numbers.
- Mr. Bowe moved to discuss the Rio Vista crash report forward.

- Mr. Vaught spoke to his discussion with NDOT's traffic calming manager, Gil Thomas, and the action plan for this area. They will be looking into adding vertical delineation to the design to prevent cars from going around the speed humps.
- Mr. Wooten mentioned that he noticed a sign next to a speed hump that prevents people from going around.
- Chair Robinson asked to get the information on which fatal crashes have traffic calming applications on file or are selected for traffic calming to be able to review.

**b) Tactical Urbanism Guide**

- Mr. Cole gave a presentation on Tactical Urbanism Guidelines.
- Mr. Wooten asked for a clearer definition on how long-term projects become permanent structures in this program and how they are planning to measure the metrics for success.
- Ms. Key asked how NDOT is determining which projects will be selected.
  - Mr. Cole explained how the engineers will review the projects and select them based on preset standards.
- Ms. Key asked if there will be community engagement with local non-profits at this stage to help execute projects.
  - Mr. Cole stated that individuals are strongly encouraged to partner with non-profits when submitting their applications but noted that they may need to include stronger language for this portion to ensure their engagement.
- Ms. Irizarry asked if there will be any sort of check out system for materials and noted that she would like to see a focus on reusing or using recycled materials within this program if possible.
  - Mr. Cole stated that the program currently does not have the funding to be able to lend out materials to applicants, but this is something they are exploring to make sure there are equal opportunities amongst all communities.

**c) Garfield Street at Delta Ave High-Injury Intersection Project**

- Did not discuss at this meeting.

**d) 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Church Street High-Injury Intersection Project**

- Did not discuss at this meeting.

**e) Rep. John Lewis Way at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard High-Injury**

- Did not discuss at this meeting.

**f) Hillsboro Circle at Bandywood Drive High-Injury Intersection Project**

- Did not discuss at this meeting.

**g) Brick Church Pike at Ewing Drive High-Injury Intersection Project**

- Did not discuss at this meeting.

**h) Safe Routes to School**

- Did not discuss at this meeting.

**i) Gallatin Pike Scoping**

- Did not discuss at this meeting.

**j) Gallatin Pike at Ardee Avenue / Curdwood Boulevard**

- Did not discuss at this meeting.

**6) Communications**

**a) Citizens**

- No citizens spoke at this time.
- Chair Robinson asked to have the citizen comment section moved closer to the top of the agenda.

**b) Reports from Vision Zero Advisory Committee members and subcommittees**

- Mr. Smith gave an update on behalf of the BPAC subcommittee created during the last meeting.
  - This bill has been pushed from the current upcoming committee meeting on Tuesday to the following committee meeting which allows the subcommittee more time for future review of edits.
  - Mr. Boghazian suggested making this an agenda item for the next vision zero meeting.
  - Chair Robinson recommends the committee shall be prepared to vote on these edits in the next meeting.

**c) Report from director and staff**

- Ms. Saini spoke to how NDOT is developing an evaluation system to rate projects to make sure they are being executed accurately and how this will be a big part of the feedback response from the committee.

**7) Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.