



- MINUTES -
VISION ZERO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Howard Office Building — Sonny West Conference Room

March 30, 2023

ATTENDEES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Amanda Key, Ben Hubert, Christine Irizarry, Hannah Sasscer, Joy Andal, Katherine McDonell, Kemar Small, Peter Robison, Shandira Edgecombe, Koby Langner, Chris Bowe, Jeremiah Wooten, and Wesley Smith

STAFF

Jon Boghozian, Brad Freeze, Anna Dearman, Ben Vaught, Guneet Saini, and Madison Fitzgibbon

COMMITTEE NOT PRESENT

Christopher Sandwith

1) Call to Order

- The March 30, 2023, meeting of the Vision Zero Advisory Committee was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair Robison.

2) Roll Call

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

3) Approval of Minutes

- February minutes were approved unanimously.

4) Unfinished Business

a) Election of Vice-Chair

- Mr. Bowe, Ms. Edgecombe, Ms. Key, Ms. Sasscer, Mr. Wooten were nominated for vice-chair.
- Mr. Bowe, Ms. Edgecombe, and Ms. Key withdrew their names from consideration.
- Ms. Sasscer was elected vice-chair with the most votes by members present.

5) New Business

a) Bylaws Update

i) Revision to Article 4 – Membership

- Revise the bylaws to include more information on membership, term limits, and how members are elected.

ii) Revision to Article 6.1 – Meeting Time and Date

- Updates the time and date of the meetings to the last Thursday of every month from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
- Ms. Sasscer moves to approve the revised bylaws with a condition that a replacement member will serve the remainder of the vacant term and then will serve the full term as described in Article 4.3.
- Ms. Andal seconds the motion.
- Motion was approved unanimously.

b) 2023 Fatal Crash Review

- Mr. Ben Vaught presented detail on how fatal crash reports are executed to the group.
- Mr. Vaught will go out to crash site to review the area – Mr. Boghozian has proposed to the group the option to attend these in the future once they are scheduled if the group or part of the group would like to attend.
- The group has the option to review all these reports or just when specific ones as the group feels relevant.
- TDOT has a dashboard that weighs the severity of a crash.
- GNRC also has an index that rates transportation risk.
- Based on these reports Mr. Vaught will respond and initiate short-term solutions while also look for longer term solutions and how to implement those.
- MNP traffic division also runs and tracks a report for fatal crash reports.
- Ms. Guneet Saini is working on a real time dashboard for the public to access on the NDOT website.
- MNP has a monthly fatal crash meeting that NDOT attendees to coordinate engineering talking points.
- Mr. Robison asked if the Vision Zero Advisory Committee can attend these meetings?
- Can the group get the public information if unable to attend?

- MNPD suggested having a Vision Zero representative follow along on to see what happens when the police respond to these fatal crash calls would be highly beneficial.
- MNPD is working on installation and training for getting real time footcandles – measurement of how much light is put off from a light.
- Mr. Robison has asked to get these reports posted to the public – Mr. Boghozian stated they are working towards getting these posted.
- Ms. Edgcombe asked how much of the solution is engineering vs public outreach vs the person behind the wheel.
- Mr. Wooten stated this would be why it is important to know the results from the MNPD reports.
- Mr. Robison brought up that when civilians are interviewed after a fatal crash, they are stating this always happens so how can we get this translated into data.
- Mr. Brad Freeze touched on the SMART grant that was awarded to NDOT and has recommended the research team come and present on this topic to the group later.
- Looking to start a research team within Nashville to have a constant flow of information.
- Group agreed they would be interested in attending these fatal crash investigations – Mr. Vaught will let the group know when the next investigation is available for the group to attend.
- These investigations are separate from MNPD.
- Mr. Robison has asked to put reports on the next agenda to review.
- While the reports aren't always in real time Mr. Vaught stated he isn't waiting on the reports to act.

c) **Subcommittees**

i) **General Discussion**

- Chair Robison asked the committee on subcommittee ideas.
 - Fatal crash review
 - Data creation
 - Vision Zero implementation plan
 - Marketing and communications / community outreach
 - New membership review
 - Safe routes to school (and other pedestrian generators)
 - Transit stops
 - Traffic calming
 - Committee outreach

ii) **Bicycle and pedestrian**

- Mr. Robison believes this could be beneficial subcommittee to the group as there is a lot of crossovers but questions if a subcommittee would be submental to a true BPAC?
- Ms. Anna Dearman gave the floor to civilian who asked the group to endorse the legislation that has been in motion for 6 months as this would keep the BPAC from being disassembled by executive order.
 - Council Member Freddie O'Connell (District 19) is the sponsor for the legislation.
 - CM has recently deferred due to the creation of the Vision Zero advisory committee and wanting to see how the group plans to act before pushing it through.
 - Group recommends the legislation needs to be passed with support from the advisory group but not that a subcommittee would be supplemental to the legislation.
- A seat on BPAC should be at least one Vision Zero member elected by the committee.
- Mr. Robison would like committee to be ready to make decision by next meeting – asked to send out legislation with minutes for group to review.
- Ms. Dearman suggests a formal presentation of this council legislation and for the group to think about what the liaison would look like if or if not, this legislation moves forward.
 - Downstream of project-by-project vs upstream of being involved in the crafting of polices.
- Traffic impact study guideline updates – would like to have this be formally presented to the group.

d) **Spending / Project Selection Discussion**

- Mr. Small presents an idea to the committee.
 - The amount of money Vision Zero has been assigned when distributed across Nashville isn't that much money – the group will need to determine the best way to spend this money.
 - Option 1 would be to spend this money on fewer larger projects.
 - Option 2 would be to spread out this money amongst a larger amount of smaller projects.
 - Kamar suggests funding one high injury area with lots of improvements in the hopes of get the road down to zero.
 - We would then be able to present this road as an example to the public and council to help push the rest of the high injury roads along.
- Mr. Boghozian responds.
 - If the plan is to put majority of the funding into one project this would be a long project, around 5-8 years before we see results from the project.
 - Year one budget has put hard dollars to projects within the Vision Zero implementation program.

- 14 million assigned to capital projects, 3 million assigned to quick builds projects, 3.5 million assigned to transformative projects.
- Have flexibility to define years 2-5 budget based off implementation plan – building off high injury list to define projects.
- 5 million has already been assigned to Nolensville Pike – good example of putting a large chunk of funding towards one project.
- Did not receive the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant but will start working on a transformative design here soon.
- The other option would be to focus on quick builds to help reduce our pedestrian deaths – specifically crosswalks as there is a quicker turnaround time for improvements with these types of projects.
- NDOT is currently identifying and ranking crosswalks around Nashville that could use improvements - more points would be assigned based on surrounding items to determine priority.
- 13 million was recently assigned to Vision Zero by council for 2024.
- How will this group choose to assign this money and prioritize these projects?
- There currently isn't a clear rubric on how projects are identified.
- Ms. Andal brought up a few concerns she has noticed from the ADA perspective.
 - WeGo is missing a lot of concert pads at active stops.
 - Can crosswalk buttons be reached by those in wheelchairs?
 - Joy has had to use an extender item for certain crosswalks to be able to reach button.
- Mr. Boghozian states that WeGo is activity working on addressing these concerns.
- Mr. Boghozian states that NDOT is currently updating our ADA transition plan – have separate funding set aside to address this
- Will need to add in HUB request as specific examples come across.
- Ms. Andal asked if there public access to a list of quick build projects
- Mr. Boghozian can share data on where crosswalk improvements have been identified.
- Ms. Saini is working on getting these projects updated on the NDOT website

e) **Traffic Calming Discussion**

- Chair Robison initiated a discussion on the traffic calming program after a pedestrian fatal crash occurred on Rio Vista Drive on a roadway that is currently under the petition phase for traffic calming.
- Mr. Freeze responded.
 - Traffic calming will not be installed until homeowners have voted in the area.
 - Working on streamlining applications when a known fatality has occurred to increase reaction time.
 - If the application is already on our list for a traffic calming, we want to push this to a vision zero effort to be able to act quickly upon when a fatality occurs.
 - Will still have community engagement but it won't be proposed as a vote.
 - The public is heavily involved in the design for traffic calming projects when a nonfatality is involved.
 - Vertical measures are the main item on which the community will vote on.
 - An engineering analyst will need to be done to warrant a stop sign.
 - Two concrete outlets for items outside of traffic calming are the upcoming Tactical Urbanism program and to enter item into HUB Nashville.
 - Want to make sure we are constantly improving this traffic calming program.
- Mr. Hubert commented that time is a problem – 9 months since first meeting with selected project (District 1). More than a year and half from being selected to work being done. Issue with only polling homeowners – renters not included.

f) **Street Lighting Discussion**

- Did not discuss at this meeting.

g) **Election of New Member**

- Did not discuss at this meeting.

h) **NDOT Projects – Resurfacing**

- Did not discuss at this meeting.

6) **Communications**

a) **Citizens**

- No citizens spoke at this time.

b) **Report from director and staff**

- Ms. Saini informed the committee that NDOT purchased high-vis backpacks and beanies to give to people experiencing homelessness.
- Ms. Key stated she would like to see the city work towards getting this at-risk population off the streets in addition to issuing safety measures.
- A citizen commented that unhoused won't want to carry these bright backpacks as this makes them feel more of a target.
- Mr. Freeze stated NDOT will pause ordering more high-viz products and conduct more engagement with this population to address potential concerns.

7) **Adjournment**

- The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.