

**AFCA Monthly Meeting  
October 18, 2017**

- I. Allison announcements:
  - a. Sean Lyons elected to be Southside VP
  - b. Will evaluate whether to do scarecrow-making event next year. It was successful, but participation was low.
  - c. Postponed vote to next month on resolution by Barbara Swart from Sierra Club urging Arlington to adopt a goal of using 100% renewable energy. Ask Barbara to come back when we have our vote.
  - d. Speakers tonight on Carlin Springs pedestrian safety and traffic mitigation.
  - e. Presentation tonight on new AFCA policies moving forward.
  
- II. Carol Mitten, Assistant County Manager re: Carlin Springs
  - a. Analysis being done on south Carlin Springs near schools – both studies will consider the intersection with Route 50
  - b. Carlin Springs Road (CS) – primarily a commuter corridor and busiest during peak hours. Trying to make corridor more pedestrian friendly.
  - c. Looking to improve pedestrian safety and connectivity.
  
- III. Gabriella, Vega, Department of Environmental Services
  - a. Limits of project from Vermont/Park to Edison -- looking at pedestrian improvements needed. Will make improvements at Edison and Wakefield. At N. Wakefield intersection – they found virtually no pedestrians crossing there. Instead, they are crossing at Wakefield. There's a bus stop that is hidden and there's one ½ mile away. Will move bus stop to west to other side of Wakefield. Will add curb extension to make bus stop ADA compliant. On northeast side, will update ADA ramps, keep bike lane and create parking lane extensions.
  - b. Wait until CS bridge project is completed and then evaluate traffic and pedestrian traffic and determine what to do between Wakefield and Edison to add another pedestrian crossing.
  - c. With Mall changes and tolls on 66, traffic on Carlin Springs is expected to change significantly.
  - d. Edison Street and CS. Completed counts in summer. Have a high number of crossings of CS at Edison and higher vehicle speeds on this segment. Will install a crosswalk on northeast side, install a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon – flashing orange -- curb extensions, move bus stop to east side, move bus stop on north side further west, enhance crosswalk markings, add median refuge. CS is also a neighborhood corridor and people are speeding. No study done yet to assess reconfiguration from two lanes to one lane. Will wait until after CS bridge is completed.

- III. Sergio Viricochea/Carol Mitten
  - a. Looking at whether Harrison St. meets warrant for HAWK analysis.
  - b. So far, have collected summer counts for Harrison St. and will do fall pedestrian and traffic counts within next 2-4 weeks.
  - c. Can only do traffic study once every three years, so recommend waiting until after CS bridge is complete to assess Edison Street.
  - d. Warrants and professional engineering judgment are both required to get new traffic control device installed. HAWK signal should be installed at mid-block.
  - e. Why has it taken so long to get to this point? TE&O is inundated with traffic study requests – have new system that started a couple of weeks ago to free up technical people to do studies. Resources are limited to respond to requests. Design work will take a couple years.
  - f. Timeline for Edison and Wakefield – design takes about a year.
  - g. Concern that yellow flash that exists is not effective. Staff response: That is an older one that is outdated and doesn't work as well.
  - h. Look into more Police enforcement.
  - i. Radar indicators seem to be effective. Average speed about 10 mph over speed limit.
  
- IV. Allison – AFCA Board met over the summer to discuss policy, procedural changes that might help improve neighborhood relations.
  - a. Will publish resolutions on AFCA website.
  - b. AFCA is somewhat informal.
  - c. At each meeting, try to have news from each side of the neighborhood.
  - d. Provide resolutions at least a week before AFCA meeting on the list serve, but when circumstances warrant, may have to act more quickly for time-sensitive responses.
  - e. If there's a big issue affecting the neighborhood, try to arrange another meeting outside the regular AFCA meeting to discuss this.
  - f. Process to bring resolutions to vote: publicize resolution 1 week ahead and vote is held at the meeting and decided by majority. Only households that are paid up can vote and there's one vote per household.
  - g. If something comes up during summer, hold thumbs up or thumbs down vote sent out via the list serve – with no editing and must pass with at least 80 percent approval. 80 percent may not be the right number – we can discuss this further. Voters must provide their address to ensure there's no double counting. Or, call a special meeting over the summer, recognizing we would need to find a venue. Second way, empower AFCA officers to decide with a majority vote – perhaps for less critical issues.
  - h. Will consider not taking a vote on issues that could cause dissension between different parts of the neighborhood. Trying to be aware of this, but not totally limit our ability on this. Have the conversation even if a vote isn't taken.

- V. Other news:
- a) Neighborhood news: Southside – construction at Park Drive and 50. Project will continue through 2018. Northside – support new, local coffee house – Sense of Place. Also, another briefing about Lubber Run Recreation Center in November?
  - b) How to develop better plan for maintenance at circle and in strip of land along Route 50 at shopping center? Can we have beautification project there? It's a natural resource protection area, so we are very limited as to what can be done there. Talk to County naturalist to get more info.

Meeting was adjourned.