

Commission on Aging – Transportation Committee

March 15, 2021 4:35 PM Via Zoom

Meeting Notes

Members: Ray Biegun, Chair; Alan Dinsmore, Cedar Dvorin, David Kaplan, Jane King, Babs Waters (CoA Chair).

Guests: Mary Lee Anderson & Michael Schuster (COA members).

Staff: Debbie Ludington (DAAS)

Introductions: None required.

Review and Approval of the Agenda – The agenda was approved with one addition: Discussion of commemorating Sharon Dantzig’s service on the Commission and the Transportation Committee.

Discussion

Commemoration of Sharon Dantzig’s service on the Commission and the Transportation Committee. Members and guests discussed alternatives. The commemoration committee (David Kaplan (Chair), Mary Lee Anderson, Michael Schuster, Jane King, and Alan Dinsmore) will make recommendations for presentation and discussion at a future Commission on Aging meeting.

Items discussed included:

- Recognizing Sharon posthumously with an existing excellence in aging award;
- Creating a Commission advocacy new award in Sharon's memory around improved mobility and transportation for older adults;
- AARP recognition.
- A memorial bench designated with Sharon’s name. Possible locations: Old Town and West End.

Complete Streets Program: Christine Mayeur will present Complete Streets Program and Vision Zero update during the April 8 meeting of the Commission.

Targets for 2022 annual activities for the Transportation Committee were discussed. Following were suggested for review and selection:

1. 2022-2014 Age Friendly Plan, transportation section.
2. Vision Zero targets for 2021 as presented by staff for last Transportation Committee meeting.
3. Alexandria Mobility Plan.

DASH: Martin Barna, DASH Director of Planning & Marketing, will be invited to meet with the Transportation Committee in May or June to discuss the Alexandria Transit Vision (ATV) Plan.

Brick Sidewalks and the status of new construction: It was suggested that the City Council has a favorable view of further introduction of brick sidewalks to enhance historical appearances. Jane King will check with Bob Eiffert on the status of any original agreement with Transportation and Environmental Services regarding expanded use of brick sidewalks. It was also suggested that the Commission on Aging determine the opinion of the Commission on Persons with Disabilities regarding this issue.

Webinar: An upcoming Accelerating Active Transportation Change Webinar on March 25th was discussed, and the Chair asked members to let him know which of the concurrent sessions any member might wish to attend.

Future Agendas: On April 19, Jennifer Slesinger (T&ES) will discuss the Alexandria Mobility Plan.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM

The next meeting: Monday, April 19, 4:30 PM via Zoom.