

Alexandria's Families for Safe Streets ("AFSS") Advisory Committee

17 May 2022: 6:30 pm to 8 pm

Location: Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Introductions – 13 people in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

- We had a very successful fundraising campaign with Spring2Action. We set an ambitious goal exceed it with nearly \$8,000 in donations.
- The current account balances are now separated by chapter. Alexandria FSS has \$16,644.34. The entire NoVA organization has \$19,104.90.
- Recent expenses include a payment to the CPA to continue resolving issues stemming from the IRS categorization error (\$1500), a couple of Facebook advertising expenses to promote Spring2Action, and A \$300 fee to advertise in the Alexandria Times.

Guest Speakers

- APD – Lt. Delton Goodrum
 - Summary of crashes involving pedestrians YTD:
 - On January 5 at 2:15pm, a vehicle and a pedestrian were both heading southbound on N St. Asaph after the snowstorm. The pedestrian was walking on the roadway to avoid snow. The pedestrian was struck by the vehicle while passing. There were no injuries and no charges.
 - On January 8 at 12:20pm at North Hampton and King, a pedestrian was struck in the crosswalk and sustained minor injuries. Driver was charged with failure to yield to a pedestrian.
 - On January 10 at 2:30pm at S Payne and Prince, vehicle 1 struck vehicle 2. After the crash, vehicle 1 continued and struck a pedestrian. The investigation for this hit and run is ongoing. The pedestrian was injured with a broken hip.
 - On January 23 at 2:00am on the 400 block of Duke Street, A vehicle struck a pedestrian on a service road. The pedestrian was walking in the middle of the road and had serious injuries. The driver was charged with a DUI.
 - On January 27 at 6:40am on Mt Vernon Ave and Reed, driver turned and struck pedestrian in the crosswalk. The pedestrian had a fractured thumb and injured knee. The driver fled from the crash and the case is pending.
 - On February 2 at 6:20pm on Madison and N St Asaph, a driver turned and struck a pedestrian in a crosswalk. The pedestrian was transported to the hospital with minor injuries. The driver was charged with failure to yield to a pedestrian.
 - On February 23 at 8:00am, driver was turning onto Duke Street and struck a pedestrian in crosswalk. The pedestrian sustained minor injuries and the driver was charged with failure to yield.
 - On March 29 at 2:30pm outside of Jefferson Houston Elementary School, a 9-year-old child was struck and seriously injured when the driver left the roadway and went onto the sidewalk. The investigation is almost complete. The driver was elderly and impaired.
- Safe Routes to School (SRTS) – Jane Davis

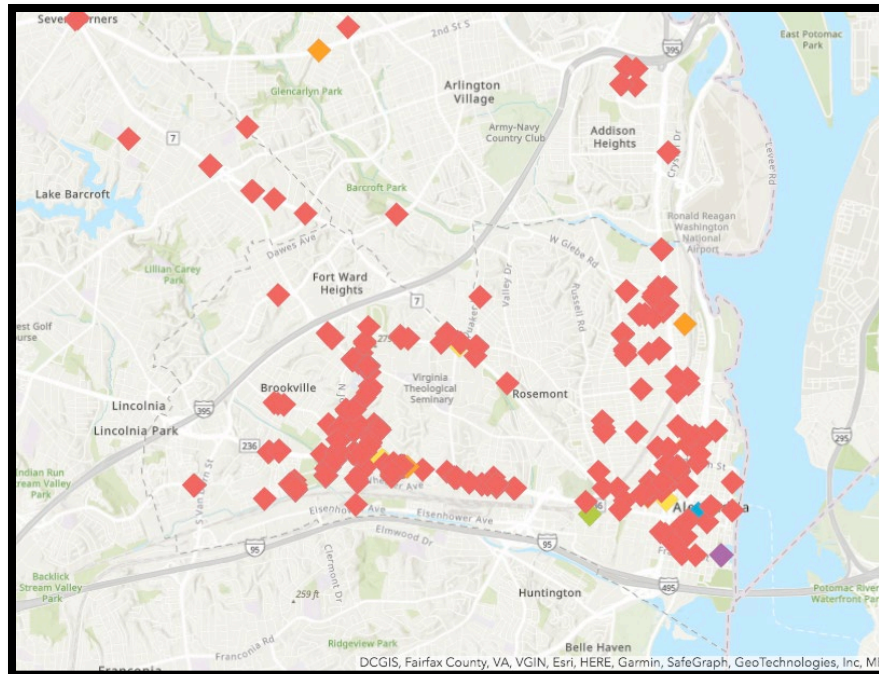
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- Thanks to AFSS for participating in Spring Fling this past weekend. The event hosted 3 West End schools who are underrepresented by the PTAs. We also received valuable feedback from the community about Ferdinand T. Day Elementary School, speed at Beauregard, etc.
- This Thursday, SRTS is going to Jefferson Houston to do pedestrian education session with the children while partnering with the school resource officers. We hope that this reinforces the lessons from the previous biking and pedestrian education units.
- SRTS was originally a VDOT funded program, and the funding has run out. The infrastructure bill was recently passed will take 2 years to trickle down to school districts. This means SRTS position is uncertain for the future. Jane doesn't know how active they can be without funding. Currently advocacy with ACPS is to demonstrate the value that SRTS provides.
 - AFSS needs to advocate to support funding for SRTS.
- Alexandria is looking at reducing speed around Alexandria. BPAC is advocating for reduced speeds at sections of Beauregard and Seminary. ACPS intends to advocate for reduced speeds around schools. This is particularly a problem in the West End. SRTS would like to see speed cameras implemented to enforce reduced speeds in school zones.
 - Lt. Delton Goodrum : City Council recently voted to implement 5 speed cameras. The team is working to start this program. Right now, the top priority is identifying the vendors and locations of the cameras. These decisions will be data driven. Hope to have this program up and running by the end of this year.
 - Melissa – Please consider leveraging other cities' contracts for the speed camera procurement since this process can be lengthy. Also, do not let analysis of the data slow down progress. It is helpful to implement cameras as soon as possible.

Old Business

- Latest NM survey results
 - In 2022 (YTD through May 15), there have been 586 reported incidents in Northern Virginia (490 in Alexandria, 67 in Arlington, 29 in Fairfax).
 - Locations of reported incidents YTD to 15 May 2022

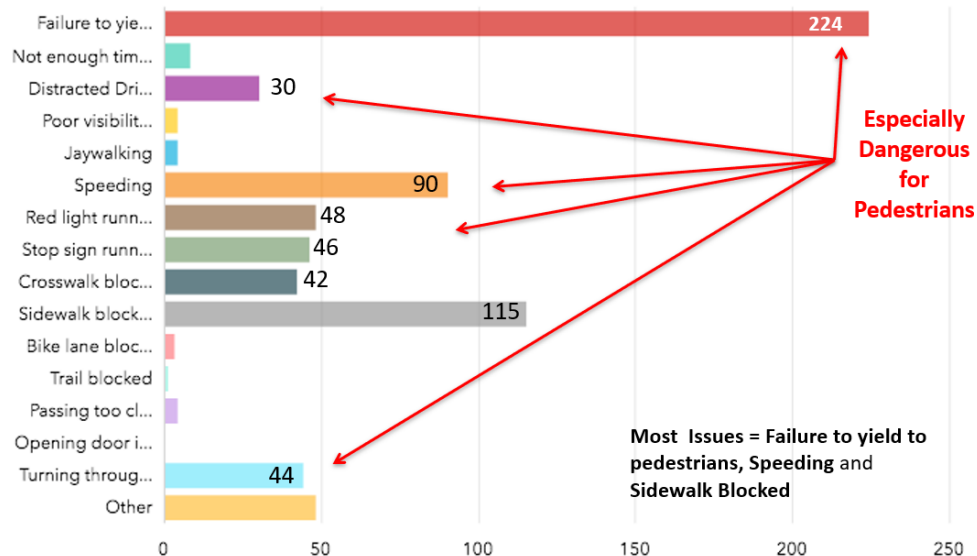
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- We are beginning to see patterns in the locations of the reports. There are clusters along Glebe Road, US1, and Mt Vernon and many incidents in the West End and Old Town.
- The Nature of the Incidents tend to primarily be Failure to Yield, Sidewalk Blocking, Speeding, and Turning through Active Crosswalks

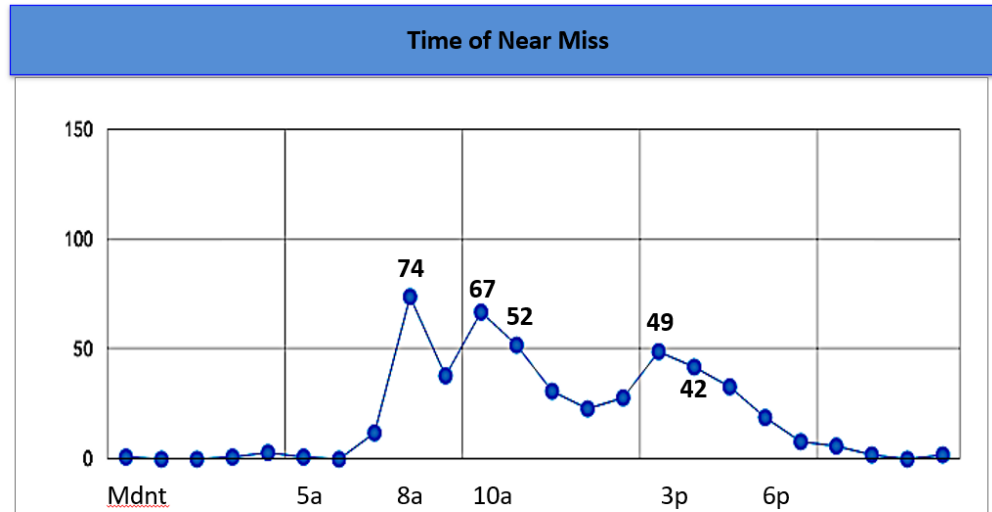
Nature of the Incident:

Data: 1/1/2022 through 5/15/2022



- Most reported incidents happened in the morning with a slight increase in the afternoon.

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- High Risk Crash Locations
 - Mount Vernon and Glebe
 - At the beginning of May, AFSS sent a letter to city council recommending a dog bone roundabout for the intersection of Mount Vernon and Glebe.
 - The Mount Vernon Avenue North Complete Streets project is in progress to provide safety improvements on Mount Vernon Avenue between West Glebe Road and Four Mile Run. Link: <https://www.alexandriava.gov/transportation-planning/mount-vernion-avenue-north-complete-streets>
 - The project is open for public comment through Sunday, June 5.
 - There are two ways to provide comments:
 - 1. Online (May 11-June 5):
View the project presentation: ([English](#) | [Español](#))
Complete the online feedback form: ([English](#) | [Español](#))
 - 2. In Person (Thursday, May 19):
Community Open House
Thursday, May 19 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Chick Armstrong Recreation Center
 - Please provide comments on the proposed solutions by June 5.
- **TPB – Near Miss project update**
 - AFSS recently won a grant to expand and improve the Near Miss survey. Through this grant award, AFSS has hired a consultant to work on the project. The work with the consultant has begun and AFSS will be meeting with them next week.

New Business

- Farmers Market Volunteers
 - We are looking for volunteers to participate in AFSS outreach at Farmers Markets in 2-hour shifts. We are planning on doing at least one event per month to hand out promotional material and blinkers. Please reach out if you are interested in volunteering.
 - Old Town – a Saturday in June
 - Del Ray – a Saturday in July
 - Cameron Station – a Sunday in August

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- Plans for fall pedestrian safety campaign – ACPS & public
 - Let's start thinking about what we want to focus on in the fall for our outreach and campaign efforts. The fall is an important time for outreach with the return to school and time change. It is a great time to connect with schools and parents.
- New Car Assessment Program (NCAP)
 - US DOT is soliciting feedback on proposed rules to the NCAP. For more information, click this link: [NCAP-fact-sheet-call-the-action-june-2022](#)
 - The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)'s NCAP falls short in many ways including
 - Vehicle weight/hood size
 - Detection systems for vulnerable road users, etc.
 - National Families for Safe Streets published this fact sheet and call to action: <https://www.alxffss.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/05/NCAP-Fact-Sheet-Call-the-Action-June-2022.pdf>
 - Please review the fact sheet/call to action document and consider sharing your story with Families for Safe Streets and/or submitting your comments directly to NHTSA.

Upcoming Events

- AFSS Meeting – Next meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 (potentially in person)