Arlington’s Families for Safe Streets ("Arl FSS")

Arlington Families for Safe Streets Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Meeting Attendees:

Mike Doyle, Michelle Brydges, Ed Hazelwood, Alistair Watson, and Dave C

Discussion Points:

Vision Zero Year 1 Open House on Wednesday, May 11th from 5-8PM

Mike Doyle – Could this be an opportunity to engage with the speakers?

Hung – I will be in attendance.

Alister will also attend

Coffee Recap with Dan Nabors

Michelle – Dan and I met for coffee in March as a follow up to the letter regarding street safety concerns adjacent to the proposed Courthouse West, including missing infrastructure, speeding, and cut-through drivers. Dan highlighted near term initiatives along the Rosslyn-Clarendon Corridor, including curb bump outs at Danville, and repaving/restriping between Rosslyn and Courthouse/Clarendon for improved bike lane connectivity. He asked for Arl FSS support in the safety campaign led by Vision Zero running from this spring through fall. We did not discuss the question of enforcement data sharing, reflections on cut-through drivers (as led by Waze and other apps) were inconclusive, and Dan confirmed that enforcement questions regarding speeding and other traffic laws should be directed to the County Board.

South George Mason Drive Multimodal Corridor Study

Hung – Provided updates on the project as well as links to the interactive mapping tool.

Alexandria Family for Safe Streets

Mike – We are suggesting that the City does a roundabout on the corner of S Glebe Road and Mt Vernon Ave, a dangerous intersection where two pedestrians have been killed in the last five years and numerous others injured. AFSS’s suggestion is a dog bone roundabout. It is located just before you reach Arlington from Arlandria.
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Mike – I also wrote a letter on behalf of Fff FSS to John Lynch, VDOT Northern Virginia Regional District manager, regarding things that can be done to reduce speeding on 4 to 6 lane roads in our community and particularly on several dangerous locations is Fairfax. There are things we can do that would draw attention to the issue and try to accelerate VDOT’s pace of making changes on the roads.

Arl FSS Development Plan

INOVA grant to help the community base, health base. There was a measurement that we failed to uphold – Black, Native American, People of Color. We are going to try to get marketing translations for different languages that represent the language demographic of Arlington.

Mike – Right now AFSS is focused on Spring2Action.

There are also other things going on – a Dangerous Driving Seminar in Norfolk, 9th Annual Distracted Driving Summit. The event will be held on August 18-19, 2022 at the Hilton Norfolk The Main. We will be offering both in-person and virtual attendance options this year. The virtual attendee option is limited to only general sessions. The in-person option will include breakout sessions. If you are interested, here is a link to register: Summary - 9th Annual Distracted Driving Summit (cvent.com)

Michelle – Christine Baker from Vision Zero has recently sent us a detailed email tasking us with the Vision Zero marketing material. It is an effort that will last from May to the Fall. This is a great opportunity to work in support of Vision Zero. Hung is our liaison to that program which is great, and now we will have the materials to distribute along with our own.

Bike to Work Day

Ed Hazelwood – Are we planning on doing anything around Bike to Work Day, Friday May 20th, because DC and WABA will give you free table space to post your marketing materials. It would be a low cost way to distribute our marketing materials. Here is the Bike Arlington contact, David Balick David.Balick@bikearlington.com to set up the Bike to Work Day marketing effort.

Mike – We have participated on Bike-to-Work Day and the bicyclist folks are very friendly since we share the same mission.

We also should market to specific candidates to recruit for more volunteers to join our ranks.

Michelle – We will lay that out, take some time to plan it out, and get back to you guys next week.

Near Miss Survey results update

Hung walked the group through the Near miss data for the month of March.

Carlin Springs Community

Mike – We received an email from Christopher George who lives on N. Carlin Springs Road. He said “I have been working with my neighborhood, Bluemont, and Arlington Forest. You can see the work that I helped spearhead starting in December of 2021: https://www.bluemontcivic.org/northcarlinsprings.php
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Our resolution was signed jointly between neighborhoods and sent to the county manager and board. Also, tonight the Bluemont neighborhood will be voting to add N. Carlin Springs Road as our second priority NC project. I also wanted to note that I have been working with Arlington Forest to get this added as either their first or second priority project. They just rewrote their NC plan and are working on gathering potential projects, so if you know anyone in Arlington Forest this would be a great opportunity to get it added with a lot of points as their first priority project. We know that NC isn't the only way to get improv.”

Michelle – It sounds like they are updating Neighborhood Conservation plans in Bluemont and Arlington Forest and prioritizing projects for approval. They are going through the planning phase to make Carlin Springs Road safe for all. I think it is a valuable point of engagement and I think we should write back to connect with them.

Mike – I can respond to them but I would like to cc a couple of folks to pick up on the area. Hung volunteered to join in the connection to the Bluemont Civic Association

Mike – We have some success with safe routes to schools in Alexandria. Should we pursue this strategy in Arlington?

Michelle – I do not think we have the capacity to take on outreach in schools at this time. I think we should wait until Lauren, and we have additional capacity, and focus instead on the safety campaign.

Dave C – I would like to help you with marketing materials and video. I should be back this weekend.

Delegate Patrick Hope

Ed Hazelwood – I met with delegate Patrick Hope, and he is available for a meeting with us via Zoom regarding anything Vision Zero for the 2023 General Assembly. There is a lot of money in there for potential trails. This is a great opportunity for us. It is **Monday, May 16th at 2:00PM.**

Also, Ed is moving away from Arlington County to Virginia Beach soon by the end of June.

I need you Mike to set up a Zoom meeting for that date at 2:00PM and send an invite to everyone at this meeting. Mike: I will do that.

Mike – For an end of May meeting we should meet in person.

Ed Hazelwood – Let’s do Bluemont Park around Carlin Springs.

Mike – Great, let’s work on the logistics and make that happen.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Arlington Vision Zero Year 1 Open House
- Arlington Bike to Work Day
- Next Arl FSS Meeting – 4th Wed of the Month, May 25, 2022 at
  - Bluemont Park?
  - Some place with Wi-Fi and a nice setting.