

**Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Program**  
**FINAL DESIGN MEETING MINUTES**



**PROJECT NAME:** Patrick Henry Drive Street Improvement Project  
**PROJECT #:** N527  
**DATE:** June 5, 2017

**MEETING GOAL:** Present owners with final design for street improvement project and address any questions.

**TO:** John Egge, WVCA NC Representative  
 Nathan Risdal, Block Representative

**FROM:** Angela Marshall, Neighborhood Planner/Project Manager

**ATTENDANCE:**  
**County Staff:** Angela Marshall, NC Project Manager  
 Jill Yutan, Landscape Architect  
 Gino Squarciafico, DES Engineering Supervisor  
 Mohammed Elomary, DES Design Engineer  
 Maxine Cholmondeley, Real Estate Specialist

**Residents:**

|   | NAME            | ADDRESS                    | PHONE AND/OR EMAIL   |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|--|
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## BACKGROUND:

The Patrick Henry Drive project was qualified October 31, 2011 and approved for funding on February 14, 2012 by the Arlington County Board. The project passed two petitioning process, thereby receiving support of greater than 60% of the linear footage of the affected property owners.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE FINAL DESIGN PLAN:

This is a neighborhood pedestrian safety and beautification project to install corner nubs at Washington Blvd at Patrick Henry Drive; corner nubs at 15<sup>th</sup> Street N, with double handicap-accessible ramps on the west side of PHD to accommodate mid-block crossing; corner nubs at 16<sup>th</sup> St N and N. Lexington Street; bump-out entrance into parking area of Westover Apartments on west side of PHD; install 5' bike lanes on the west side of PHD from Washington Blvd to 16<sup>th</sup> Street N; install 5' sidewalk along several locations; install yellow painted dividing stripe on PHD, and orient parking on the west side @ Westover Apartments to be 60 degree back-in parking. Travel lanes will be 10' on both sides of PHD.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING PLACEMENT OF A BIKESHARE:

A proposed 15-dock bike-share station will be located behind the southwest corner nub at PHD & Washington Blvd. The placement of the bike-share will be incorporated after the NC hardscape work is complete.

## MEETING MINUTES:

The meeting began with an introduction from County Staff and a welcome from Angela Marshall, NC Project Manager, who provided an overview of the project. Gino Squarciafico presented the details of the final design, demolition and construction plan. The goal is to commence construction in the summer 2017. Jill Yutan, NC Landscape Architect provided information on planting of new native trees. New topsoil will be added to the areas where the new trees will be installed. One new Crape Myrtle tree (non-native) will be planted near the Tara-Leeway Heights sign to replace the one removed due to the re-alignment of the median. There aren't any anticipated impacts to private property landscaping. Tree planting will occur after the hardscape is complete in the next planting season. Jill shared plant information sheets on the tree species that will be planted with the group.

Approximately two weeks prior to the beginning of construction, staff will schedule a preconstruction meeting for the affected property owners, which will be held on-site and include the County's Construction Manager, and representatives from the construction contractor.

## QUESTIONS & OBSERVATIONS FROM THE PRESENTATION:

The primary concern of the residents was the 60-degree angle back-in parking on PHD. One resident indicated that it will be difficult to get people to back in, rather than the angle going the other way so that the driver can just pull-in the spot. In the morning, particular during school days (Swanson M.S.), traffic backs up really bad on PHD to 16<sup>th</sup> St N dropping off people. The resident requested a reconsideration of the angle parking. Gino indicated that especially with bikers, Transportation Engineering & Operations (TE&O) found it safer to back-in.

A resident wanted to know if there were traffic projections for the next few years because the congestion over the past several years has increased at PHD & Washington Blvd. So, extending the corners, he feels will contribute to the congestion. Gino indicated that there are no projections, but as part of the design, TE&O looks at what the impact has on the design and the level of service remains the same.

The number of children going to Swanson school is increasing all the time, and soon the former Walter Reed School will be repurposed and classes will resume. The resident doesn't understand how the congestion will improve. Gino indicated that the improvement will certainly improve the pedestrian safety. There is heavy foot and vehicle traffic, particularly during school hours. Kids are sometimes dropped off in the middle of the street because of congestion.

What type of crosswalks and where will they be located? The crosswalks are simply flat thermoplastic laddered crosswalks.

A resident asked if streetlights are a part of this project. Angela indicated that it was not and that the neighborhood may submit it to the WVCA as a priority project, to be qualified and funded at a later date.

A resident wanted to be sure that no property was being taken, and Gino indicated that all work will be done in the County's right of way. Gino also reviewed in detail the existing sidewalk and the proposed sidewalk. Another resident wanted to know how wide PHD is today, and how wide after completion. Currently it is 58' and will be 51' after completion.

There were questions regarding the location of the bike-share pad, and Gino shared the updated sketch of the location. Angela indicated that the bike-share pad will be constructed after the completion of hardscape, and referred any additional questions to the bike-share manager, Paul DeMaio.



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Maxine Cholmondeley, County's Real Estate Specialist provided information on the easements and will be contacting property owners directly to obtain Temporary Easements & Construction Agreements (TE&CA) in the coming months. Maxine's email is [MCholmondeley@arlingtonva.us](mailto:MCholmondeley@arlingtonva.us) if you have any questions regarding the easements. The easements are null and void after the completion of the project.

Angela and Gino provided next steps, construction and completion timeline; it is likely that the project will take about 6-8 weeks to complete.

All questions or additional information regarding this project or process can be directed to Angela Marshall at 703.228.3209 or [amarshall@arlingtonva.us](mailto:amarshall@arlingtonva.us)

Cc: All property owners within the project limits  
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