

Arlington Families for Safe Streets

Meeting Venue: Zoom conference call

24 Nov 2020

Attendees:

Gillian Burgess, Mike Doyle, Christina Burbach, Michelle Brydges, Tom Sanchez, Debbie Spiliotopoulos

Discussion points:

- ❖ **New day for monthly meetings:** second Tuesday of the month (December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9..)
- ❖ **Old Business**
 - **SRTS** – Lauren Hassel not present so tabled this item -- still seeking volunteers to lead and/or support Walking School Bus or Bike Train in their school neighborhood once these programs get going, as well as to increase participation among APS families (K-5) for Sidewalk Audits
- ❖ **New Business**
 - **World Day of Remembrance (WDoR)** recap -- 55 people attended a very successful online event on Sunday November 15th, including two families of crash victims, 1 senator and 5 delegates. FSS approached the senator and delegates regarding two legislative items - Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) and discretionary 15 mph zones. Slide deck highlighting statistics and trends is available on the FSS website, click here: [WDoR Side Presentation](#) National WDoR activities included faith leaders giving sermons on the street and a twitter town hall which resulted in 22K engagements. WDoR was not conducted in its typical fashion but perhaps accomplished more outreach.
 - **Ongoing engagement / advocacy**
 - Share WDoR deck with County Board, VA legislators, add to FSS website
 - Meetings with representatives, Barbara Favola, Rip Sullivan,

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Patrick Hope -- all great conversations and very helpful -- more to come.

- Continue to push for ASE and 15 mph amendments
- Police chief hiring process -- respond to survey
- Follow Vision Zero

● VT grad school studio program update

- 3 teams: 1) Outreach and education (Board liaison: Michelle), 2) Data & GIS (Board liaison: Chris), 3) Data Advocacy to inform outreach and education about Near Miss applications (Board liaison: Gillian)
- Teams are consulting with professionals outside of class, developing a map for next semester, including specific implementation plans for May and October, as well as strategies for sustainable approaches in each of these areas over time.

● Street safety educational programs for adults and students

- Need volunteers with different skill sets, especially social media, walk audit volunteers - Michelle to connect FSS with Volunteer Arlington, can also use NextDoor
- Mike to share AFSS volunteer profiles
- Upcoming meeting with Rick Holt, GMU professor, re: street safety curriculum
- Elementary program -- look at interactive program used in Alexandria
- Consider Marymount's education program

● 2021 Calendar development

- Q1 legislative calendar -- email and/or postcard writing campaign
- Q1/Q2: Vision Zero draft action plan
- May: Bike month (engage clergy)
- Farmers market table (need volunteers)
- August: approach County Board for pedestrian safety week proclamation for last week of October (like Alexandria)

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- October: Pedestrian month (engage clergy, County Board proclamation for last week of October, ArlNow, coordinate with local bike and running stores for discounts and giveaways,)
- November: World Day of Remembrance
- Look at National Highway and Virginia Conservation calendars for additional ideas, incorporate a plan for walk audits

❖ Upcoming Events

- Next Arl FSS Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of the Month, Dec 8th
- Sister AFSS Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of the Month, Dec 15th
- Sister Ffx FSS Meeting – 3rd Thursday of the Month, Dec 17th