

# Bethesda Downtown Sector Plan Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 14th, 2023 @8:15 AM

Notes to be Taken by: Amanda Farber

Hybrid Meeting (Microsoft Teams and in-person)  
B-CC Regional Services Center, 4805 Edgemoor Lane  
East Room B

## 1) Norfolk Avenue Streeterly Update

- TJ Dant from Regional Services Center provided a brief update on the Norfolk Streeterly improvements.
- The BUP Arts and Entertainment District Board approved incorporating a mural on the street to add design features and highlight section of road designated for emergency and other vehicle passage as needed.
- Furniture and planters have been ordered and project should be completed by summer.

## 2) Woodmont Avenue Streeterly Update, Robert Gonzales, MCDOT

- Will have more information to present in May or June; many options on the table for Woodmont Ave.
- DOT has hired consultants; currently planning is just at concept stage.
- No dedicated funding for the project yet; will need to get further along in the process

## 3) NEW BUSINESS

- Question about Metropolitan Plaza renovation – water issues on the plaza and in the County Metropolitan Garage below. HOC needed to replace the water membrane. Currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 phases; has been a very long process.
- Previous fountain feature by the Chipotle and stairs will not be replaced.
- IAC members reported that some areas of plaza are currently not well maintained; suggestion for better signage for public awareness – especially at various access points including stairwells, bridge, elevators.
- IAC members reported that County Metropolitan Garage needs clearer parking signs and more kiosks. Would be good if there were a single system for parking in County lots in Bethesda. Mr. Gonzales indicated they are moving towards using license plate

- readers in all garages; drivers will need to sign up for the app. Request to discuss parking and parking system with Jose Thomanna from DOT at upcoming meeting
- Question about the status of the Planning Department's Urban Loading Study which was supposed to have been completed in July 2021. Planning staff reported that the study is on hold pending staffing and other issues. IAC members stated a need for the study and report to be completed.
  - Schedule for future meeting note takers through the end of the year listed (may be adjusted):
    - May – Andy O'Hare
    - June – Jack Alexander
    - July – Joyce Gwadz
    - August – Jad Donohoe
    - September – Michael Fetchko
    - October – Patrick O'Neil
    - November – Stacey Band
    - December – Christopher Smith

**Attendees:**

Amanda Farber  
Matt Gordon  
Andy O'Hare  
Christopher Smith  
Dedun Ingram  
Jack Alexander  
Jad Donohoe  
Joyce Gwadz  
Michael Fetchko  
Stacey Band  
Naomi Spinrad

TJ Dant  
Robert Gonzales

Stephanie Dickel  
Larissa Klevan  
Hyojung Garland