



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

April 6, 2016

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager 

SUBJECT: Designate Mayor Goddard and Vice Mayor Reed as the Council liaisons to neighborhood meetings that arise regarding pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicle safety

RECOMMENDATION

Designate Mayor Goddard and Vice Mayor Reed as the Council liaisons to neighborhood meetings that arise regarding pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicle safety

DISCUSSION

One of the Council's 2016 goals is to "Develop process for considering neighborhood concerns that arise regarding pedestrian, bicyclist, and vehicle safety." As the Council representatives to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), the Mayor and Vice Mayor have been working on updates to the Fairfax Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (BPMP) which address pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Recently, the Mayor and Vice Mayor attended a neighborhood meeting sponsored by the Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) regarding bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicle safety issues along Lansdale Avenue. Both San Anselmo and Fairfax residents as well as Town staff from both communities attended the meeting.

To meet the Council's goal, the Mayor and Vice Mayor would like the ability to host neighborhood meetings, similar to the one hosted by MCBC, to allow residents the opportunity to express and share their concerns with one another and the Town in an informal setting. Staff would attend these meetings to help facilitate and participate in the discussions. An objective of this interactive process is to build neighborhood consensus on possible solutions.

The Mayor and Vice Mayor would report back to the Council for approval if a solution required a significant expenditure of Town resources, revisions to the BPMP, and/or major impacts to traffic circulation or parking (e.g., allowing alternate parking on a block). The Mayor and Vice Mayor would also consult with the BPAC, as appropriate, for recommendations to the Council.

It should be noted that Town staff does meet with residents, as requested, in various neighborhoods to address their concerns related to bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicle safety. In some instances, we have agreed to make minor improvements such as painting corner curbs red, adding signage, and adding street markings to address the concerns. Staff usually consults with the Town's Traffic engineer to discuss recommendations prior to making any improvements. Staff anticipates that some of these individual meetings would be replaced by neighborhood meetings depending on the scope of the issues.

FISCAL IMPACT

Nominal impact for improvements

AGENDA ITEM # 11