

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 6, 2017
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
5:35 to 7:15 P.M.

MINUTES

Mr. Eric Norton called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAC approved the [November 2017](#) meeting minutes.

2. DISCUSSION: PAC STATEMENT ON TRANSPORTATION EQUITY

Mr. Norton reported that the Equity ad hoc committee has been meeting for several months to formulate a policy statement on equity to guide BRTB plans and programs. Mr. Norton reviewed the statement and opened the floor for discussion. Members offered some additions to the intro text and structure of the document. Following discussion, the PAC approved the updated statement.

[Handout: Policy framework on transportation equity]

3. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES & CURRENT ACTION ITEMS

- **Policy and Legislation** – Mr. Mark Lotz reported the subcommittee reviewed the draft PAC sponsored Leadership Academy [event plan](#), based on the [USDOT Everyplace Counts Leadership Academy](#). Members offered recommendations for sponsors, speakers and the agenda.

The following members volunteered to serve on an ad hoc event planning committee: Ms. Janet Eveland, Mr. Ben Groff, Ms. Yvette Hicks, Mr. Mark Howard, Mr. Norton, Ms. Angela Jones, and Ms. Jennifer Weeks.

- **Public Involvement** – Mr. Norton reported that the subcommittee met before the meeting to continue its review of the 2014 Public Participation Plan. The PAC has an opportunity to provide input into the update of the plan, which is due to be released for public review and comment in late February or early March 2018. At this time, staff are considering a change to the TIP amendment process and minor updates to other elements of the plan.

- **Membership** – The subcommittee, consisting of the 2018 Chairs will review new member applications, as well as requests by current members to renew their term of service, and submit recommendations to the BRTB.

4. ELECTION OF 2018 PAC OFFICERS

PAC members elected the following individuals for 2018 PAC Chair: Mr. Norton and Vice Chair: Mr. Lotz and Ms. Taffy Gwitira.

5. LOOKING BACK ON 2017 + DISCUSSING FUTURE PAC ACTIVITIES

Mr. Norton shared highlights of their 2017 cardstorming exercise, reviewed areas of success, and discussed potential future work in 2018. Ideas for 2018 included:

- Hold meetings in other jurisdictions
- Members prepare and read documents
- Focus on action items of BRTB and provide input
- Know major decision points of BRTB's planning process and plan ahead to provide input
- Keep up the excellent lineup of speakers
- Help develop more advocates to be involved in transportation planning
- Focus on more on outcomes of transportation investments like access to jobs, increased economic growth, etc.

Mr. Norton thanked members for these ideas and noted that the PAC will continue discussions on areas of focus for 2018 during the PAC's January meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Members and staff made the following announcements:

- **BRTB Meetings** – The November 28 BRTB meeting featured approval of the Hawkins Point TIP amendment and the Patapsco Regional Greenway Concept Plan and Implementation Matrix. Staff are working to finalize details for the next BRTB meeting with elected officials on January 26 at 9 a.m. in Annapolis. Speakers also gave presentations on the MARC/SEPTA Commuter Rail Service Extension Ridership Analysis and an update to the BRTB's Metropolitan Planning Agreements to address additional requirements from the FAST Act and update current practices and procedures. Minutes and a list of upcoming events are online at baltometro.org.

Mr. Norton and Ms. Monica Haines Benkhedda thanked all of the members for an excellent year of service to the PAC and BRTB. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Members

Terraine Arnold – Arunah Avenue Association
Chris Costello – Transportation Association of Maryland
William Cowan – South Baltimore Neighborhood Association
Michael Davis – Resident, Carroll County
Janet Eveland – Resident, Baltimore City
Benjamin Gilardi – Resident, Baltimore City
Ben Groff – Resident, Baltimore City
Tafadzwa Gwitira – Resident, Baltimore County
Mark Howard – Resident, Baltimore County
Angela Jones – Resident, Baltimore County
Paul Kowzan III – Broadway Area Business Association
Dick Ladd – Resident, Anne Arundel County
Mark Lotz – Resident, Harford County
Eric Norton – Central Maryland Transportation Alliance
Derrick Sexton – Resident, Baltimore City
April Stup – Partners in Care
Jennifer Weeks – Resident, Baltimore County

Staff and Guests

Monica B. Haines Benkhedda – Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC)
Don Halligan – BMC