

Meeting Minutes Original

Justice HS Parking Workgroup

Date: Monday, October 21, 2024

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Justice HS Library

Working Group Attendance

Jeff Longo (Sleepy Hollow Manor) (co-chair)

Ann-Marie Ward (parent) (co-chair)

Kathleen Brown

Kim Lanoue

Stacy Carter

Fairfax Families for Safe Streets (FSS): Mike Brandi, Chris French

FPAC

FCPS Attendance

Megan Vroman - Assistant Superintendent

Sean Rolon - JHS Principal

Paul D'Andrade - Transportation

Michelle Phillips - Transportation

Angela Aldave - Notetaker

Minutes Approval:

Updates on the website

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Minutes approved.

Update on FPAC Representative:

N/A

1. Introduction to Fairfax Families for Safe Streets (FSS)
 - Provided background on FSS and the purpose of the working group.
 - Discussed the group's focus on pedestrian safety and transportation issues affecting Justice High School (HS).
2. Justice HS Affected Bussing Area
 - The bussing radius is currently 1.5 miles, with modifications based on street safety.
 - Follow-Up: Transportation will review if a map of the radius is available and confirm any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) implications.
3. Data Requests and Updates
 - Transportation to provide data on student bus ridership, current as of September.
 - Information on bus utilization, frequency of late runs, and estimated costs for adding a day of service.
 - Discussion on the school's limited number of students riding bikes to school due to lack of sidewalks in surrounding areas.
4. Pedestrian Safety Concerns
 - Noted that pedestrian safety knowledge is limited, particularly given high traffic volume and absence of crosswalks near the school entrance.
 - Members shared concerns about almost hitting pedestrians and highlighted areas without sidewalks.
5. Suggested Actions for Safety Improvements
 - Identify and map dangerous areas for community and congressional outreach.
 - Advocate for pedestrian safety training at the high school level, especially for new drivers.
 - Survey and crowdsource data on hazardous areas and near-miss incidents to create a safety presentation for students.
6. Data Collection on Traffic and Safety
 - Discussed ways to gather data on arrival and dismissal times, including the potential for funding and budget for monitoring these times.
 - Suggested involving students in data collection efforts, such as taking photos and conducting a walk audit.
7. Additional Bus Services
 - Fairfax FSS inquired about extra buses for after-school activities. Currently, each school has one day per week.
 - Proposed a cost analysis for adding additional bus service days, particularly for routes covering apartment complexes and feeder schools.
8. Community and Equity Focus
 - Discussed equity concerns related to pedestrian safety and how these align with the strategic plan.

- FSS emphasized that pedestrian safety is a public health concern, particularly impacting communities of color.

Next Steps:

Transportation will follow up with requested data and updates by the next meeting.

Invite a representative from Safety and School security.

Meeting ended: 8:00 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Tuesday, November 19, 2024 Discuss Safe Routes to School - is confirmed to attend.
- Monday, December 9, 2024