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Minutes of the May 29, 2019 meeting

Attendees included Josh Goodman, Ian Rothman, John Bogasky, Jack Cochrane, Wayne & Kelly Porter, Drew Talley, Dorinda Danneman, Michael Gelman, Alex Pearre and Kyle Lukacs.

The Treasurer's report was presented. Cash at May 29, 2019 was \$1434.00. Some dues are still outstanding. One member has left the area, Ian has followed up with other members. The Treasurers Report was approved.

The Minutes were approved, with a comment about the Kerwin Commission - that the Teachers Union wants additional funding to go to salaries.

Kyle Lukacs, Montgomery County DOT, spoke about the Aspen Hill Neighborhood Greenway Pilot Project. He is the project manager. There will be a public workshop on June 6th at 7 pm in the cafeteria at the A. Mario Loiderman Middle School on Goodhill Road. The meeting will be livestreamed and can also be watched later.

Kyle has spoken with Maren Hill, MNCPPC, about pedestrian safety in the area.

Neighborhood Greenways are streets with low traffic speeds with designated bike and pedestrian spaces. They will prioritize pedestrian and bike traffic. Elements to be considered are: Route Planning, Signage and pavement markings, Speed and volume management, Street crossing management.

48 miles of Neighborhood Greenways are in the recent bike master plan, 18.68 miles are designated as high priority.

For Georgia Avenue, between Aspen Hill and Glenmont, plans are to have a parallel route one block over. Connectivity is blocked by Matthew Henson State Park. Potential route could start at the Aspen Hill Shopping Center, go along Palmyra Lane to Harmony Hills Park, cross the drainage area by the creek, along Holdridge, and down the path from Flack Street to the Metro. The route will be in the roadway. The intersection of Holdridge and Hathaway will be challenging.

This is a pilot project, they will try different ideas and see how they work. It is the first project of its kind in the county.

The difference between a bike lane and a greenway is branding. Possibly greenway traffic would receive the right-of-way. Signage will be purple signs, pavement markings. Crossings will be made safe, traffic calming would be introduced.

They have recent traffic counts from Weller Road at the school, they have not done traffic studies of the other roads yet, may do some later when they know where they want to study.

The timeline for this project will begin with next week's public meeting, then in two months there will be a second meeting to present aerials and plans. Start using the greenway late summer/early fall.

Eventually the route will go from Forest Glen to Aspen Hill.
The second project will be in Silver Spring on Grove Street.

The JFK Wellness Center – have other schools done this? When will it open? Who will it serve?
The Director of Operations of Montgomery County Public Schools is in charge of this project, but has not responded to inquiries.

The Wheaton Library/Recreation Center will open late summer/fall of this year. The Interim library in the Wheaton Rescue Squad building will close in late June.

Elections will be held at the June meeting.

The next Glenmont Exchange Meeting will be Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Poplar Run Clubhouse, 13500 Stargazer Place, Silver Spring, MD 20906

Minutes submitted by Dorinda Danneman, Secretary.