

**Town of University Park  
Council Committee on Police, Traffic and Public Safety**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

**Meeting notes**

Committee Members present: David Brosch, Council Member, Ward 1; Joe Schultz, Council Member, Ward 2 and Committee Chair; Linda Verrill, Council Member, Ward 4; Martha Wells, Council Member, Ward 6; Roland Stephen, Council Member, Ward 7

Guests: Chief Harvey Baker, UPPD; Lieutenant Dan Enig, UPPD

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Agenda**

1. Baltimore Ave. / Sheridan St. intersection

The sight line looking north for drivers attempting to turn onto Baltimore Ave. southbound from Sheridan is obscured by vegetation in the parcel at the northwest corner of the intersection. Height of some plants in that yard appears to exceed standards in the Prince George's County zoning ordinance regarding sight lines at intersections.

The committee agreed to ask Mayor Carey and town staff to meet with the property owner as soon as practicable to seek a resolution.

2. Underwood/40th Ave. area

Discussion of speed sign data collected in March. Traffic monitoring/data collection will continue.

In the meantime, the committee agreed to recommend that council authorize and request that stop signs with stop bars be installed immediately for northbound and southbound traffic on 40th at Underwood.

### 3. 42nd Ave. at Henson Green

Discussion of a proposal by the Trees, Parks, Environment Committee, outlined in a 3.10.2019 memorandum by Chris Aubry, to tear up the pavement in that short block, return it to green space (retaining a walking path) and incorporate it into Henson Green.

The committee unanimously favors that outcome. The intersection of Sheridan and Queens Chapel Road may have to be reconfigured to help the turn from Sheridan westbound onto QCR bound northeast. This could be accomplished during coming repaving of QCR.

### 4. Additional business

Discussion of reducing the speed limit town wide to 20 mph. Committee agree to request the town attorney's opinion on whether that is permitted under state statute, and if so what process would be.

Discussion of installing a speed camera in the vicinity of town hall on Rte. 1. Chief Baker to investigate.

The UP CERT team has commenced a traffic speed survey in town using a hand-held radar device belonging to UPPD. Results will be communicated at the next committee meeting.

At its June 4, 2018, meeting, council approved installation of a painted sidewalk and parking areas on Clagett-Pineway, and a painted crosswalk at the corner of Clagett-Pineway and Pineway. The committee requested an update from Mayor Carey on when that work will be accomplished.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Joe Schultz, Chair