

TOWN COUNCIL OF CHEVY CHASE VIEW
Work Session on Connecticut Avenue Speed Enforcement

Date: November 5, 2020
Place: Meeting was held via an open conference call
Present: Paula Fudge, Chair; Lisa Fair, Peter Marks, Carlos Molina
and Ron Sherrow, Council members
Jana Coe, Town Manager
Ron Bolt, Legal Counsel for Town
Joseph Toomey, CCV Building Permit Administrator
Julie Sparacino, Moderator
Others Present: Emily Shetty, District 18 Maryland House of Delegates
Mike Plantamura, 4109 Franklin Street
Steve Beckman, 4020 Everett Street
Bruce Hebbard, 4300 Glenridge Street
Michael Cavey, 9811 Connecticut Avenue
Lindsay Field, 9909 Connecticut Avenue
Sean Robertson, 10009 Connecticut Avenue
Mark Vetter, 9803 Connecticut Avenue
Kristy Clason, 9823 Connecticut Avenue
Grant and Mattie Bonavia, 4309 Saul Road
Bill Butz, 3906 Dresden Street
Ruth Harvey, 4106 Glenridge Street

Called to Order by Paula Fudge, Council Chair at 6:35 pm

Work Session on Connecticut Avenue Speed Monitoring Program: The Council held a work session to discuss the feasibility of establishing a Town speed monitoring program (speed cameras). Montgomery County installed and operates the existing southbound camera on Connecticut Avenue.

Emily Shetty, District 18 Maryland House Delegate, presented an overview of the District 18 team's research on the possible establishment of a speed monitoring program in the Town of Chevy Chase View. Ms. Shetty's review covered the Maryland Transportation Article Section 21-809 which allows a municipality to establish a speed monitoring program and its specifics requirements, as well as the key initial procedural steps that the Council would need to undertake to implement, maintain and sustain a program.

Ron Sherrow presented details of other traffic calming options, such as lowering the speed limit, physically altering the layout or appearance of Connecticut Avenue to actively or passively retard traffic, installing a new crosswalk with high-intensity activated crosswalk beacons (HAWK) and escalating police traffic enforcement.

Town residents shared their concerns and encouraged the Council to strongly consider this speed monitoring program, as excessive Connecticut Avenue speed continues to be an unresolved problem.

The Council agreed to schedule another work session to research and discuss the specific mechanics required for implementation of a speed monitoring program. At 7:55 p.m., Paula Fudge moved the work session be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Lisa Fair and passed by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana S. Coe, Town Manager