

MEMORANDUM

To: The Board of Managers, Chevy Chase Village
From: Porter Wheeler, Chair, Traffic Committee
Date: April 21, 2014
Subject: Report of the Traffic Committee for the Annual Meeting

During the past year, the Traffic Committee enjoyed the support and contributions of a strong and engaged membership. The Committee continued to focus on the pedestrian crossing issues for Connecticut Avenue, based on our assessment of the pedestrian situation and recommendations to the Board over the prior year. At that time we urged installation of a pedestrian-activated traffic light (not a warning signal) at Lenox Street and Connecticut.

Pedestrian Crossing. Activities included Committee participation in the August 2013 meeting at Village Hall with key SHA officials and Senator Madeleno. When the eventual response from SHA dated February 10, 2014, was received by the Village, the Traffic Committee reviewed same at our February 2014 meeting, and composed a memo to the Board dated March 4, 2014, that expressed and explained our disagreement with the findings of the SHA letter. The Committee further resolved and urged the Board to redouble its efforts to pursue alleviation of the dangerous conditions facing pedestrians seeking to cross Connecticut Avenue.

We continue to offer assistance to the Board as requested and are pleased to support the ad hoc working group of the Board to deal with the most recent (April 2014) SHA letter on the subject of the pedestrian crossing.

Village Signage Survey. The Committee was requested to review the policy issues raised as a result of the Chief's report on the Village Sign Survey conducted in the latter part of 2013. After extensive discussion of the report at our February 2014 meeting, the Committee made its own recommendations to the Board by Memorandum of March 2, 2014, in which the Committee generally concurred with the Chief's recommendations. We made several suggestions that were reported to the Board at your March meeting. We believe these suggestions should be incorporated into the implementation of the signage policy recommendations.

Other Issues. Committee members have followed SHA's Wisconsin Avenue sidewalk project. Members attended the local SHA briefing and posed follow-on questions to SHA. A small number of individual issues were also discussed.