



TRANSPORTATION SAFETY & ADVISORY COMMISSION

CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

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**TO:** Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission Members

**FROM:** Brad Reed, Transportation Planner

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 6, 2013

**RE:** Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission Agenda for Wednesday, February 13, 2013

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The Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission will meet on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 8:30AM in **Room 205 at the City Municipal Building, 345 S. Main St.**

*Citizens are always provided the opportunity to voice their views/concerns about any item before the Commission. It is the policy of the Commission to move the agenda item to the beginning of the meeting when citizens attend Commission meetings to avoid detaining him/her for the entire meeting; however, any citizen is welcome to stay for the entire meeting.*

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*Welcome*

*New Business*

- 1. Recommendation of John McGehee to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee – Thanh Dang**
- 2. Request for endorsement of South Main Street median concept – Brad Reed**

*Other Business/ Announcements*

*Adjourn*

**Application for  
Harrisonburg Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission's  
Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee**

Name: John McGehee Date: 10/29/2012

Address: 295 Franklin St Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Phone Number: 540-438-0707 Work: 540-478-5669 (c)

Employment/Volunteer Work Information

Current (or most recent employer/Volunteer Organization) Company:

JMU (resigned June 2012)

Your Position: East Campus Library Director

Duties: Provide leadership for and oversight of a large academic library.

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Education Information

High School: St. Christopher's School, Richmond, VA

College: Virginia Commonwealth University (BA Religious Studies) The Catholic University of America (MS in Library Science)

Major/Minor/Specialty Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you subscribed to the City's Bike-Ped Email List? (circle) Y / N If no, would you like to be? Y / N

How many Bike-Ped Subcommittee meetings have you attended in the last 12 months? 1

Please indicate below why you wish to serve on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee, or list any other information that may indicate your interest in an appointment by the Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission. Attach additional pages or write on back, if needed.

*My interest in serving on the Bike-Ped Subcommittee derives from my commitment to citizen engagement in city governance and from my belief that this subcommittee does meaningful work to make Harrisonburg a safer and more welcoming place for bikers and pedestrians. For the last two years I have led the Old Town neighborhood's successful traffic calming effort. Our traffic calming plan has been approved by city council and has resulted in the installation of (to date) several speed humps, a raised*

*intersection, and other traffic calming measures. I have worked closely with Harrisonburg Public Works on these projects, spent many hours in outreach and consensus building among neighbors, and presented the plan to city council. Much of the work I have done on this project is similar to Bike-Ped Subcommittee work.*

*As a result of my work on traffic calming, I have become interested in the Safe Routes to School program, as some of the traffic calming measures involve the installation of crosswalks and aim to slow traffic in school zones. I have discussed the program with the Spotswood Elementary principal and have volunteered to serve in Thomas Harrison's PTO Safe Routes committee. I expect my involvement in these programs will increase over the next few years.*

*Harrisonburg continues to change and grow rapidly and it is critical to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian friendly policy and infrastructure into city planning. I offer not only the experience of working with Harrisonburg Public Works and city residents, but also the passion for seeing alternative transportation modes supported and encouraged. Still, I am mindful of the mission of the subcommittee to serve as an "advisory" body rather than an "advocacy" group and I would be careful to delineate the two.*

*I appreciate your consideration of my application and look forward to hearing from you!*

**Application for  
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Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee**

Name: Hillary James Date: 12/8/2012

Address: 48 Virginia Ave. Harrisonburg VA 22802

Phone Number: 434-2047 Work: 209-4224

Employment/Volunteer Work Information

Current (or most recent employer/Volunteer Organization) Company:

Amedisys Home Health Care

Your Position: speech pathologist

Duties: provide in-home services to homebound adults with communication or swallowing disorders.

Education Information

High School: Paul VI High School, Fairfax VA

College: Washington and Lee University, Lexington VA

Major/Minor/Specialty Study: Communication Disorders

Are you subscribed to the City's Bike-Ped Email List? (circle) NO If no, would you like to be? YES

How many Bike-Ped Subcommittee meetings have you attended in the last 12 months? I was not aware of the subcommittee until Becky Johnston told me about it!

Please indicate below why you wish to serve on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee, or list any other information that may indicate your interest in an appointment by the Transportation Safety & Advisory Commission. Attach additional pages or write on back, if needed.

I am an avid walker who walks her children to school daily, walks downtown with the family several days a week, and so understands the importance of good infrastructure for pedestrians in the city, particularly in the downtown district. Our family has made conscious decisions to prioritize walking, including choosing to live in an area that allows us to walk to the grocery store, library, museum, school, church and downtown. Is there any better quality of life than that?! My husband walks or bikes to his job downtown daily. We require only one family car because of our lifestyle choice, and we strongly support the city's recent endeavors to put walking and biking infrastructure in place. I recently have been involved in starting up the Waterman school garden, and a friend and I are also spearheading a parent advisory committee to promote "walking school buses" at Waterman Elementary. It is through

our work promoting walking to school that we met Becky Johnston, the obesity prevention coordinator at RMH, who told me about this subcommittee. I would be interested in providing the perspective of a walking family with young children to the subcommittee. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Erik Jensen Date: December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Address: 524 Collicello st. apt. 1 Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
Phone Number: 540-847-6568 Work: 540-434-5151

Employment/Volunteer Work Information

Current (or most recent employer/Volunteer Organization) Company:

Marks Bike Shop

Your Position:

Bike sales/Bike Mechanic.

Duties:

I build, fix, and sell bicycles at Marks bike shop. I am trusted to open and close the shop on my own and have a key to do so.

Education Information

High School:

Massaponax High school (Frederickburg, VA)

College:

James Madison University(Expected Graduation May 2012)

Major/Minor/Specialty Study:

Kinesiology

Are you subscribed to the City's Bike-Ped Email List? Yes

How many Bike-Ped Subcommittee meetings have you attended in the last 12 months?

None

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I Enjoy all types of bicycle riding and I am planning on making Harrisonburg my home after graduation, so I think it would be exciting to get involved with the bicycle infrastructure that I use daily. I don't have too much experience with bicycle subcommittees but I love to ride bikes and I have feel that I have a lot of usefully insight and energy that can be directed to help our city.

**Application for  
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Name: Ralph Grove Date: Dec 19, 2012

Address: 445 Preston Dr., Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Phone Number: 540 478 3677 Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment/Volunteer Work Information

Current (or most recent employer/Volunteer Organization) Company:

Sierra Club Shenandoah Group

Your Position: Executive Committee Chair

Duties: The mission of the Sierra Club is to preserve, protect, and promote enjoyment of our natural environment. The Executive Committee organizes educational programs, outings, and advocacy events to further that mission.

Education Information

High School: Clarksville (IN) High School

College: B.S. Purdue University, Ph.D. University of Louisville

Major/Minor/Specialty Study: Computer Science

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How many Bike-Ped Subcommittee meetings have you attended in the last 12 months? none

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As an avid biker and hiker, I appreciate the concerns of pedestrians and cyclists in our community, and am eager to work on their behalf. Creating people-friendly urban communities that are walkable and bikeable is an important part of the Sierra Club mission also. Though I have not attended B&P Subcommittee meetings, I have attended planning reviews and council meetings where these issues have been discussed, and am generally familiar with the issues.

**Application for  
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Name: Tammy Shearer Date: 12/20/12

Address: 1231 Old Windmill Circle, Apt. C, Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Phone Number: 5402710116 Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment/Volunteer Work Information Rockingham County Schools – Assistant Principal at John C. Myers Elementary School

Current (or most recent employer/Volunteer Organization) Company:

Our Community Place, Relay for Life,

Your Position: Assistant Principal at John C. Myers Elementary School, Broadway, VA

Duties: Facilitate educational, social, and emotional growth for all students, parent/community liason, curriculum planner

Education Information

High School: Harrisonburg High School

College: James Madison University, Eastern Mennonite University

Major/Minor/Specialty Study: B.S. Elementary Education, Masters in Reading, Endorsement in School Administration, currently working on MBA at EMU

Are you subscribed to the City's Bike-Ped Email List? (circle) Y / N If no, would you like to be? Y / N

How many Bike-Ped Subcommittee meetings have you attended in the last 12 months? 0

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As an avid walker and biker, I firmly believe in the multifaceted benefits of both forms of transportation. I believe in the safety of individuals who wish to walk and bike in our community in the safety way possible. I desire to make decisions that will benefit folks like me who wish to be mobile in this community either by pedal or on foot.

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Name: Paulette Moore Date: 12/27/2012  
Address: 800 Stuart St. Harrisonburg, VA 22802  
Phone Number: 703-597-7766 Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment/Volunteer Work Information

Current (or most recent employer/Volunteer Organization) Company:

Eastern Mennonite University

Your Position: Associate Professor of Media Arts and

Duties: Peacebuilding

Teach Digital Media and Storytelling skills  
in the context of activism, transformation,  
and community building.

Education Information

High School: Niagara Wheatfield, Niagara Falls, NY

College: Buffalo State - SUNY / EMU / European Graduate

Major/Minor/Specialty Study: Media / Communications / Peace

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How many Bike-Ped Subcommittee meetings have you attended in the last 12 months? 0

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I am interested in being part of this subcommittee because I believe that bike and pedestrian access and awareness is key to community connection, resident health and vibrancy, and presents opportunities to envision cleaner, safer environments less dependent on diminishing resources.

I also hope to be part of this committee because I am impressed with the amount of energy around biking and pedestrian access that already exists in Harrisonburg; from local government to private bike shop owners, local universities, and coalitions focused on the Greenway. This committee provides an environment for me to learn from others with more experience and to contribute to an issue that I feel will help Harrisonburg continue to grow and thrive.

**Application for  
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Name: Paul A Yoder Date: 12/31/2012

Address: 1515 Park Rd Harrisonburg, VA 22802

Phone Number: 540-433-8236 Work: cell 540 810 0923

**Employment/Volunteer Work Information**

Current (or most recent employer/Volunteer Organization) Company:

Treasurer: Park View Village

Your Position: Treasurer

Duties: Board member, contact person for members who want/need  
volunteer services; founding member

**Education Information**

High School: Big Prairie-Lakerville (Ohio)

College: EMU 2 years

Major/Minor/Specialty Study: music

Are you subscribed to the City's Bike-Ped Email List? (circle) Y/N If no, would you like to be? Y/N

How many Bike-Ped Subcommittee meetings have you attended in the last 12 months? -0-

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As a board member of Park View Village and resident of Park  
View I can be an advocate for our community and for the 85  
members of Park View Village.

I have been a long-term (35 years) bike rider.