

# VISION ZERO

Minutes – February 21, 2022 – 6:00-7:00 p.m.

## I. Introductions (10 min)

### Present

1. **Jennifer Fielder**– LB – chair of walks and rolls subcommittee and wanted to be involved in VZ. Chair of VZTF.
2. **Pat Coleman** -Vice Chair of LB, been on board for 3-4 years. Been involved in the town for a long time. He believes Vision Zero is a good initiative working to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries.
3. **Connie Wessner** – Was a member of the Pedestrian Safety Task Force (PSTF) and would like to see their recommendations and work carried out.
4. **Nicole Vanbaelen**– PSTF – Has extensive knowledge and experience with cycling and bicycle safety, part of S.A.F.E. and other advocacy bicycle groups. Wanted to see the PSTF work move forward.
5. **Charlie Raynal** – PSTF – been in Davidson a long time, seen a lot of changes. Appreciative of Town Board for passing Vision Zero statement. Glad to be a part of this extension.
6. **Sarah Cornett** – Planning Board for two years. Helped on Comp Plan and brand new to this initiative and glad to join.

### Absent

**Kate Barr, Melissa Machan**

## II. New Business

### a. Vision Zero/Mobility Plan – Doug Wright, Leslie Willis (10 min)

Vision Zero seeks to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing a safe, healthy, and equitable mobility for all. This task force combines people with knowledge and/or expertise in different areas that will benefit the Town of Davidson's Vision Zero work. The Livability Board's Walks and Rolls Subcommittee has transitioned into the Vision Zero Task Force and have combined with people from the Mobility Committee (oversees recommendations for allocating funding to projects listed in the Mobility Plan) and the previous Pedestrian Safety Task Force. This group will work to guide the town down the road to Vision Zero. In the next couple of meetings, this task force will look at Vision Zero Action Plans and figure out the best route for Davidson to move forward in developing one specific to the town. This plan will take time but we have recommendations from the PSTF and the Mobility Plan that this group and the town can work on in parallel with developing an action plan.

Mobility Plan – five-year plan on all ways of multi-modal travel throughout town. Manage recommendations from the task force, recommendations in CIP, VZ group and make sure there is coordination between the groups and there is not any duplication.

### b. PSTF Recap and Recommendations – Connie Wessner – (15 min)

The PSTF was disbanded after the presentation of their findings and recommendations in January. This group was unique in its formation and was formed in response to most recent fatal accident in town. The PSTF did the work outside of the existing governmental structure which gave them some freedom. This VZTF group is similar and can advocate for the existing plan. There is deep interest in this community to do more for pedestrian safety. Connie directed the group to review page 5 and page 13. The connections made with state VZ have been very helpful and has allowed us to get on state VZ calls to hear what others are doing, giving us close conversations with state people who we might not be in contact with otherwise.

**c. Walks & Rolls Subcommittee – Jennifer Fielder (10 min)**

Walks and rolls has turned into VZ. They structured their goals in one-year and three-year goals. All safely do fit under VZ. Pat Coleman echoed that the goals fit in with VZ. Doug spoke about 90% plans have been developed to change the signal timing on all three intersections on Main Street in downtown. This will eliminate the left turn arrow and pedestrian crossing to happen at the same time. Not eliminating right on red. It is problematic, but there will be dynamic signage for when a pedestrian comes up, the sign will light up and say no right on red. VZTF should take a walking tour and see some of these intersections and places that are discussed. Jennifer mentioned this group having a strong educational piece for the community.

**d. Board of Commissioner Retreat – Jenifer Fielder (5 min)**

BOC retreat – Jennifer asked if anyone would be interested in attending. February 3 at 9:00am. Nicole and Connie mentioned they would be interested in attending as well to listen to the discussion with Angela Berry (CLT Vision Zero) and Seth JaJeunesse (NC Vision Zero). Leslie will send details of the retreat.

**e. Setting future meeting dates – Jennifer Fields (5 min)**

Meeting date was set for the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and will be held via Zoom until decided by the group to meet in-person.