

Vision Zero Council
December 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

This virtual public meeting was hosted on Zoom

Council Members Present: Garrett Eucalitto, Jackie McMahon, Jon Slifka, , Susan Logan, Mark DiCocco, Eric Scoville

Council Members Absent: Kevin Manzolillo, Keith Norton, Sibongile Magubane, Eileen McMurrer

Other Attendees: Aaron Swanson, Aaron Goode, Adam Weber, Alec Slatky, Amy Jackson-Grove, Amy Watkins, Andrea Merejo, Andrew Brown, Benjamin Borecki, Bryan Pavlik, Catlin Palmer, Charles Harlow, Craig Yannes, Daniel Parlapiano, Devin Clark, Diana Palmer, Douglas Hausladen, Eileen McMurrer, Elliot Wareham, Eric Scoville, Ernie Bertothy, Greg Ledovsky, Jack DeOliveira, Jim Jinks, Joe Balskus, Josh Morgan, Judith Proctor, Kaethe Podgorski, Kate Rozen, Katherine Grady, Luke Buttenwieser, Marissa Pfaffinger, Mark DiCocco, Melissa Evans, Michael Zacchera, Neil Olinski, Phyllis DiFiore, Richard Donovan, Robert Moore, Roger Krahn, Sarah Roy, Shannon King, Shaun Formica, Terri Thompson, Timothy Snyder, Tracy Noble

I. Committee Chair Welcome and Introductions

1. Meeting called to order 10:03 pm by Chairman Eucalitto
2. Reminder of Year-to-Date Traffic Fatalities as of December 5, 2022

Year	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fatalities	304	285	280	240

II. Adoption of 10/4/22 Meeting Minutes

1. Motion by Jon Slifka, seconded by Susan Logan, Motion carried

III. 2022 VZC Final Recommendations and Voting

Engineering recommendations – Garret Eucalitto

1. Require a Complete Streets Plan

VOTE: Favor - yes, Abstentions none, No none

2. Clarify CTDOT Authority to Acquire Land for Trails

VOTE: Favor - yes, Jackie McMahon abstains Nos -None

3. Adoption of an ICE Policy (intersection Control Evaluation)

VOTE: Favor - yes, Garrett Eucalitto abstains but supports, Nos -None

4. CTDOT Study of Specific Traffic Movement Regulations (From discussions within the Council members)

VOTE: Favor - yes, Garrett Eucalitto abstains, Nos -Jackie McMahon

Engineering Sub-Committee Endorsements

Enforcement Committee - The Engineering Sub-Committee endorses and supports the Enforcement Committee's proposal to institute speed control measures using technology.

Sub-Committee Discussion - The Engineering Sub-Committee endorses a continued discussion and collaboration between sub-committees outside the formal Vision Zero Council quarterly meetings.

Continuation of Vision Zero Council - The Engineering Sub-Committee endorses the continuation of the Council into future years. Working groups have been established to further the goals on the sub-committee

and it is recognized that a long-term commitment will be needed to implement current and future recommendations.

Enforcement recommendations - Mark DiCocco

1. Enact a Helmet Law for ALL Motorcycle Riders

VOTE: Favor - yes, Abstentions - Mark DiCocco, Nos none

2. Establish a Fatal Collision Reduction Team to Engage in High Visibility Enforcement Blitzes

VOTE: Favor - yes, Abstentions – Jackie McMahon and Mark DiCocco, Nos none

3. Implement Automated Traffic Enforcement

VOTE: Favor - yes, Abstentions - None, Nos – None

4. Enact a Prohibition on Open Alcohol Containers in Motor Vehicles

VOTE: Favor - yes, Abstentions - None, Nos – Susan Logan

Education Recommendations - Eric Scoville

1. Utilize schools to better educate children about road safety

VOTE: Favor - yes, Abstentions - None, Nos – None

2. Utilize the judicial system in driver re-training

VOTE: Favor - yes, Abstentions - None, Nos – None

3. Increase options for driver retraining

VOTE: Favor - yes, Abstentions – Susan Logan, Nos – none

4. Utilize DMV to educate drivers on a more frequent basis

Proposal to include bicyclist with drivers and pedestrians in part 1 rationale by Jackie McMahon

VOTE: Favor - yes, Abstentions – none, Nos – none

5. Utilize DPH to educate around emerging traffic safety issues

Proposal to add local health partners along with the DPH to the heading

VOTE: Favor - yes, Abstentions – none, Nos – none

IV. Sub-Committee Policy Recommendation Next Steps – Transmitting Final Recommendations to the Connecticut General Assembly

Motion by Jackie McMahon, seconded by Jon Slifka, Motion carried

V. Next Meeting – dates and potential topics for 2023 VZC meetings

- Schedule of 2023 meeting will be posted on VZC website
- Potential topics of discussion for meetings in 2023 ongoing VZC work
- The Council will continue its work. - The Council Members Support ongoing work by the Subcommittee
- The subcommittees that are set up will continue their work

- A leader from the Vision Zero Network to come in and talk about What's happening at the Municipal Level across the country
- Alert Aaron and Garrett if you wish to invite someone to come in and do a presentation about content and topics for discussion that have positive results. Support from the Council is always appreciated.

Q & A

- **Question:** Roger Kron wants to confirm that all the recommendations cast.

- **Answer:** yes, confirmed.

- **Question:** Sarah Roy - question one engineering recommendation, number one - what is meant by adopted for Complete Streets Policies? Some Municipalities have these Policies as endorsed and not enforceable and they don't use them. So, clarification on what adopted means?

-**Answer:** Connecticut DOT has a complete streets policy that is adopted and guides our decision-making process and is incorporated into how we design projects or determine what is built. Endorsing complete streets concepts is not necessarily the same as adopting complete streets policy. We can refine the language a little bit in the final recommendation document to make that differential there, because just endorsing the concepts doesn't necessarily mean that the municipality is going to make any changes into how they are selecting what is being built in their community. Something really must be part of their decision-making process

- **Question:** Melissa Evans -Will the VZC be recommending anything with regards to requiring training for local traffic authorities.

- **Answer:** That was not in any of the final proposals that came over to us. I can say that is something that the CTDOT is certainly looking at. We believe it is important, but it was in the final packets that came over from the subcommittees. But I agree, it is very important for local traffic authorities to have training in safety areas.

-**Question:** Sandy Frye - Isn't the Recommendation for Adoption of a complete Streets Plan, not a Policy, these are different things.

-**Answer:** I don't necessarily agree they're different things, but we will go back and look at what the subcommittee provided.

VI. Public Comment

-**Comment:** Amy Watkins, about Remembrance Day there's an event in Hartford if anyone wants to participate they can contact Amy or Judith Proctor.

If there are comments after this meeting, council website has the email address to contact the Council.

The recording for this meeting, the minutes from the Prior meeting and the original subcommittee Power Point Proposals will all be available in the meeting materials section of the VZC website.

VII. Adjourn

Motion by Jon Slifka, seconded by Jackie McMahon, Motion carried