

Vision Zero Council

11.22.21 Meeting Minutes

2:00pm – 4:00pm

This virtual public meeting was hosted on zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 2:06pm

Council Members Present: Garrett Eucalitto, Jonathan Slifka, Kevin Manzolillo, Susan Logan, Sibongile Magubane, Jackie McMahon

Council Members Absent: Laura Stefon, Beth Bye

Other Attendees: Aaron Swanson, Diana Palmer, Amy Walsh, James Walker, Jennifer Carrier, Robert Moore, Alex Slatky, Caitlin Palmer, Craig Yannes, Doug Hausladen, Judith Proctor, Kaethe Podgorski, Kate Rattan, Katherine Grady, Megan Portfolio, Melissa Evans, Oddler FLS, Richard Donovan, Roger Krahn, Tim Malone, Tim Sperry, Aaron Goode, Cara Radzins, Robert, Kimberly, Eric, Kate, Neil, Alex, Sandeep Aysola, Joe Balskus

- Chairman Eucalitto – conflicts with the multimodal summit, apologies for that conflict, we have a quorum, called for the council members to introduce themselves
- Chairman Eucalitto – adoption of the meeting minutes. Moved by Lt. Manzolillo and second by Jonathan Slifka. All in favor, minutes adopted
- Chairman Eucalitto – next item adoption of a proposed mission statement. Was sent to members in advance, got great feedback from DMV which was incorporated and reshared with the council members. Any additional feedback? It can always be changed and we should update it again next year. Motion to adopt? Susan Logan motion to adopt, second by Jonathan Slifka. All in favor, Mission Statement adopted.
 - The Vision Zero Council (VZC) believes even one life lost in a traffic crash is unacceptable, traffic deaths are preventable, and commits to using all available tools to eliminate conditions and behaviors that lead to serious injuries and deaths. The goal of the VZC is to bring together stakeholders to introduce policies, establish partnerships, and leverage available technologies to prevent death and serious injuries. Working together, we will eliminate traffic deaths and life-altering injuries.

The VZC will build new and strengthen existing partnerships between state agencies and safety advocates who are committed to eliminating traffic crashes that cause death and serious injuries. Through policies that make roadways safer and through inclusive community engagement, VZC will achieve the goal of zero deaths from traffic fatalities.

- Chairman Eucalitto – discusses overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Penalty coming for allowing open containers in motor vehicles. A portion of our construction funds are moved to prevention and education.
- Vision Zero Council – Website, led by Aaron. Set up under the DOT website, showed how to find it from the main DOT page. The website is still in its early stages. Thanks to our IT staff and front

office staff. Showed many of the features offered by the website. Showed the link to the SOTS calendar. Showed the form to apply to be a part of the subcommittees. encouraged people to fill out the form for Aaron and Diana to review.

- Chairman Eucalitto – if you have any links you want us to post on the VZC website please send to Aaron, Diana or myself. Shared the link <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/VisionZeroCouncil>
- Chairman Eucalitto – discussion about subcommittees. Engineering, Enforcement, Education, Emergency Medical Services and Equity. Want members of the council or members of the council’s team or agency to participate. Please find at least one person from your agency to be a member of a subcommittee, they would be valuable subject matter experts to have on the subcommittees. Also want to encourage interested safety stakeholders and members of the public to participate.
- Susan Logan – should we as council members pick a subcommittee to sit on? Garrett Eucalitto – you don’t have to but someone from your agency should be. You can be but I wouldn’t suggest being on all of them.
- Jonathan Slifka – it would be helpful if you could give us a description of what each of the subcommittees is going to be tasked with so we can best inform people from our agencies what we are asking of them. Garrett – yes we can do that but I want to leave it up to the subcommittees to be able to define what they want it to be. But we can provide what we believe what they will be focusing on.
- Susan – Equity fits under each of these, I’m not sure it should be separate. Garrett – you are right but we were thinking it should stand alone too, I expect overlap.
- Garrett – on the DOT side as names are submitted we will begin to pull them together, Aaron and Diana can’t provide support for all of them, we will look to lean on some of the other staff from our agencies who are participating on each of these. We will scope out when we can begin to hold these meetings and let you know.
- Chairman Eucalitto – next item Interagency Policy, the annual policy that we must submit by February 1, 2022. This first one won’t be as robust if we had a full year to work on it. We will submit something to the General Assembly. Aaron will work on providing a broad outline based on what is being done across the country. Broad outline will be shared from DOT, council members will comment and add to the outline to create the draft policy. The draft will be complete for public review and comment early in January (posted on VZC website). We will incorporate comments and then final discuss and adoption of the policy at the 1/19/2022 meeting.
- Aaron – walking through the Interagency Policy and research he did, looking at other places action plans. Vision Zero network. DOT will provide the start of a policy, this policy will be reviewed annually. Where we are and where we think we are going to go.
- Chairman Eucalitto – Council keep your eyes on your email for the materials about this Interagency Policy. And It will be posted on our website for public comment. We will get out a synopsis of the subcommittees. Council members please get us individuals from your agencies for the subcommittees.
- Susan Logan – do we need to decide the different modes of transportation for how to break out the criteria from the IJA? Garrett – no NHTSA will make those recommendations a few years down the road.

Public Comment

- Anonymous - What will make an "inter-agency policy" different from the mission statement or an action plan? Garrett – we will have to see what see in the other jurisdictions and see what we come up with. I'm sure there will be overlaps.
- Joe Balskus – will this presentation be online? Yes, on the new Vision Zero website in the coming days.
- Anonymous - Can multiple people from one private organization serve on (different) subcommittees? Yes, most likely but will need to see what the subcommittees will look like.

Adjournment

- Jonathan Slifka moves to adjourn. Second by Lt. Kevin Manzolillo

Adjourned 2:52pm