

Transportation Commission - Traffic Calming Task Force

Prospective Task Force Members

The following community members are seeking appointment to the Transportation Commission Traffic Calming Task Force:

Jared Hoffert

I have been a resident of Ann Arbor first as a student at the University in the early 90's and now as a homeowner for the past 6 years in the Maplewood Subdivision on the NE side of town (Ward 2). I am married and we have a daughter that is entering the third grade at Thurston Elementary in the Fall. One of the biggest reasons we moved back to Ann Arbor was the family friendliness of the city and it being a great place to raise children.

Between those two timeframes, I lived in NYC for 17 years. During that time we used public transportation as a main method of travel (Bus, subway, walking), only obtaining a car in the last few years living there. I have had the experience of living in a large city with transportation problems and have experienced things that work and things that don't.

I also have the perspective of currently being a family that needs two cars at this time.

I can see issues from both sides and hope to bring an honest and fair assessment to any issues raised.

Patti Smith

Ann Arbor townie and special education teacher Patti Smith is the author of the author of two books: Images of America--Downtown Ann Arbor and A History of the People's Food Co-op Ann Arbor (and of the forthcoming Forgotten Ann Arbor, which will be published in 2019). She has written for CraftBeer.com, We Love Ann Arbor, Concentrate, Mittenbrew, The Ann, AADL's Pulp blog, and the Ann Arbor Observer. Patti serves as a commissioner for the Public Art Commission and the Recreation Advisory Commission, as a storyteller in the Ann Arbor Storytellers' Guild, and volunteers for the Ann Arbor Film Festival and WCBN.

A frequent pedestrian, Patti has almost been hit by cars more times than she can count. This has to change. As they say--"be the change", and that is why she wants to be part of the task force.