

## **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016**

The Traffic Advisory Committee of the City of Stamford held its meeting on July 27, 2016 in the Safety Training Conference Room, Sixth Floor. Chairman Joshua Benson called the meeting to order at 10:34 A.M.

Present at the meeting were:

Chair, Joshua Benson  
Gary Peterson  
Robert Zaitooni  
Sgt. Wayne Scutari  
Veera Karukonda  
Capt. Beth Erickson  
Arnold Knittel  
Capt. Sue Bretthauer

Fire Marshall Charles Spaulding  
Orazio Cirelli  
Paul Montanaro  
Gennaro Catino  
Dan Colleluori  
Thomas Turk  
Doug Hoyt  
Ernie Orgera

Guests:

Katelyn Scasino – American Liver Foundation  
Tamoya Simpson – Global Impact Productions  
Geraldo Coelho – Target  
Eric Epstein – Global Impact Productions

Phil Gonzalez – Global Impact Productions  
Pat Coppola – Sacred Heart Church  
Ray Engen – Yonkers Contracting Co.  
Howard Winters- Traffic Sign

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **Katlyn Scasino – Liver Life Walk-Athon @ Commons Park/Harbor Point.**

Katlyn Scasino appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the Liver Life Walk-Athon event on Friday, September 25, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – 400 Participants.

- Same route as last year:
  - Start at Commons Park.
  - Cross Washington Blvd onto Harbor Point Road.
  - Walk straight to Boardwalk.
  - Turn left onto boardwalk.
  - Stay straight to Pacific Street.
  - Turn left on Harbor Point Road.
  - Turn left at World of Beer for Lap 2.
  - After 2<sup>nd</sup> lap turn right at World of Beer.
  - Cross Washington Blvd to Park entrance.
  
- Police officers will be required.

As part of the consent agenda, a motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve the Liver Life Walk event on Friday, September 25, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – 400 Participants.

**Phil Gonzalez – Global Impact Productions- Braking AIDS Ride – Bike-Athon- Travel thru Stamford.**

Phil Gonzalez appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the Braking AIDS Ride Bike- Athon Event on Sunday, September 25, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

- Boston to New York 3 day Bike Ride.
- Same route as last year.
- The District supervisor will be notified and no Police Officers are required.
  - Left onto Weed Avenue at light
  - Right onto Cove Road at Stop Sign
  - Bear right onto Elm Street at light crossing Shippan Avenue
  - Left onto Myrtle Avenue/Jefferson Street at light
  - Cross Canal Street onto Dock Street at light
  - Left onto Pacific Street at light
  - Right onto Henry Street at light
  - Cross Atlantic Street at light
  - Left onto Washington Boulevard at Stop Sign
  - Immediate right onto Pulaski Street at light
  - Forward onto Greenwich Avenue at blinker
  - Right onto Selleck Street at light – begin climb

As part of the consent agenda, a motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve the Braking AIDS Bike-Athon event on Sunday, September 25, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – 125 Participants.

**Tamoya Simpson – Autism Science Foundation- Wall Street Rides for Autism Research – Travel thru Stamford- Bike- Athon event.**

Tamoya Simpson appeared before the committee to request approval for the Autism Science Foundation Wall Street Rides For Autism Research event on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

- Same route as last year:
- The District supervisor will be notified and no Police Officers are required.
  - Request that riders be allowed to cut thru the top corner of Stamford as they come from North Castle into Connecticut onto Taconic Road, then into Stanwich Road and then into Greenwich.

As part of the consent agenda, a motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve Autism Science Foundation- Wall Street Rides For Autism Research travel thru Stamford on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – 50 Participants.

**Matt MacDonald – Waterside School – Annual 5k Run / Walk.**

Mr. MacDonald was not present at the meeting. However, the item was placed on the consent agenda as there were no changes to the event.

- Same route as last year:
  - Race will start in front of the Waterside School at 770 Pacific Street, and continue North 1,300 feet.
  - Left on Henry Street for 600 feet to Atlantic Street.
  - Left on Washington Blvd. for 400 feet to Commons Park North.
  - Exit Commons Park South heading west across Washington Street after 1,600 feet loop of Commons Park.
  - Continue on Commons Point Road and onto the Harbor Point Boardwalk along the western-most part of Pacific Street.
  - Left onto Harbor Point Road reading north for 800 feet, then.
  - Right onto Pacific for 400 feet, then;
  - Right on Dyke Lane for 1,100 feet and continue into Kosciuszko Park.
  - Continue on a loop of the Kosciuszko and exit heading east on Elmcroft Road for 1,100 feet.
  - Left on Belden Street for 700 feet to Pacific Street.
  - Right on Pacific Street for 100 feet to finish the race at 770 Pacific Street.
  
- Six Officers were used last year.

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve the Waterside School Annual 5k Run event on Saturday, October 15, 2016 From 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – 750 Participants.

**Pat Coppola – San Manghese Social Club, Inc. – Procession for St. Teodoro to Sacred Heart Church.**

Pasqualina Coppola appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the San Manghese Social Club, Inc. Procession for St. Teodoro to Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – 60 Participants.

- Same route as last year:
  - Start at the San Manghese Social Club at 107 West Avenue.
  - Turn right onto Stillwater Avenue.
  - Turn left onto Schuyler Avenue.
  - End at Sacred Heart Church.
  
- A Police Officer will be required.

As part of the consent agenda, a motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve the Procession for St. Teodoro to Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – 60 Participants.

**Lorraine Olson- UNICO/ Sacred Heart RC Church- Columbus Day Parade.**

Ms. Olson was unable to attend the meeting- Further discussion of this Item was deferred to the next meeting.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Wendy Varnit – Cedar Circle- Request for “No Parking” Sign.**

The committee requested that Robert Zaitooni investigate the parking issues @ Cedar Circle.

**Geraldo Coelho- Target- Request for Valet Parking Service for New Steak house on Broad Street.**

Robert Zaitooni recommended that a traffic study be conducted to measure the volume of traffic on Broad Street in front of the new restaurant before making a final decision. Further discussion of this topic was deferred to the next meeting.

**George Keith-Yonkers Contracting Company, Inc. - Request for Street closures at Manhattan & Garden Street.**

George Keith appeared before the committee representing Ray Engen to request approval for street closures along Manhattan and Garden Streets for on-site parking of construction and equipment vehicles.

The committee recommended that Mr. Keith contact Arnold Knittel in the Engineering to obtain a Street Use Permit.

Motion was made by Robert Zaitooni, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve the request for street closures along Manhattan and Garden Streets contingent upon obtaining a Street Use Permit from the City of Stamford Engineering Department and to include as part of the written conditions of the permit the following: (1) The Contractor must use moveable barricades to allow access to emergency vehicles at all times. (2) Post signage indicating that the pedestrian right of way is closed (3) the contractor is responsible for repairing any and all damages caused by the contractor's vehicles to the street, sidewalks or curbs.

**II. PENDING & MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Thomas Turk, seconded by Orazio Cirelli and unanimously passed to approve the minutes from June 29, 2016.

**III. SIGNING PERMITS:**

**IV. INFORMATION ONLY:**

**V. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Capt. Sue Bretthauer to discuss the following items:
  - St. Patrick's Day Parade- Parade – Saturday, March 15, 2016.
  - Penny Mazzuco / Patriotic Special Event 2016 – Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

Issues:

- The growth in the number of parade cars and participants.
- Lapse in parade monitors between each unit of the parade.
- Interviewing participants during the parade.
- Notifying surrounding businesses of street closures.
- Viewing stand stationed at Main & Atlantic Street.

Ernie Orgera informed the committee that he will set up a meeting with parade organizers, Doug Hoyt, Robert Zaitooni, and Joshua Benson to address Sue Bretthauer concerns:

As there were no further business, motion was made by Gary Peterson, seconded by Capt. Beth Erickson to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted  
Crystal Mitchell  
July5, 2016