

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014**

In Attendance: Ernie Orgera
Captain Tom Wuennemann
Sgt. Chris Broems
Officer Mike Skoumbros
Thomas Turk
Doug Hoyt
Dan Colleluori
Veera Karukonda

Guests: Michael Feighan – St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Jesse Chianelli – 1032 Hope Street

Jay Inzitari – Rippowam & Main Staging

David Sullivan – Parcel 38

Lisa Feinberg – Parcel 38

Bill Hennessey – Parcel 38

Patrick Quinn – Parcel 38

Chris Kely – Parcel 38

Aurelia Gilbert – Prospect/Forest Crosswalks

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Ernie Orgera, Chair.

Michael Feighan – St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 11:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 2:00 p.m. – 3,000 Adults and 2,000 Children.

- Parade route same as last year:
 - Stage at Columbus Park or use for overflow.
 - Start on Main Street at Washington Boulevard by Columbus Park.

- East to Atlantic Street.
 - Left on Atlantic Street.
 - North up thru Atlantic Street thru Bedford Street.
 - Parade will end at Walton Place at the north end of Latham Park.
- Mr. Feighan requested that the Reviewing Stand and Showmobile be placed at the same place as last year by People’s United Bank.
 - Mr. Orgera will find out if the space on the east side of Curley’s Diner will be available for use. Mr. Feighan will need an alternative if it is not available; this space is used for the horses to rest.
 - Mr. Orgera will request information regarding the stage areas for the announcers from the D.S.S.D.

Motion was made by Officer Mike Skoumbros, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lisa Feinberg and Bill Hennessey – Traffic Drop-Off Area on Tresser Boulevard in Connection with the Parcel 38 Development.

- The property known as “the hole in the ground” is currently undeveloped but excavated and has been in this state for almost 30 years. The location is approximately 4.32 acres.
- It has been approved to build a primarily residential project with 622 residential units, a public café, indoor and outdoor community amenity space and a resident parking area. Project was fully approved by Zoning in June 2014.
- Mr. Hennessey stated that his client would like to create a bump-in in front of the building along Tresser Boulevard. This improvement would provide a convenient pick-up/drop-off location for residents and delivery service providers. It would also provide an opportunity for an additional Harbor Point trolley stop. This request has to be approved by the Zoning Board as well. Plan is also awaiting State approval. Mr. Orgera stated that Mani Poola, Traffic Engineer, is in agreement that this request should be approved.
- Traffic pattern on Greyrock Place remains as is.

Motion was made by Sgt. Chris Broems, seconded by Captain Wuennemann and passed unanimously to approve request for Traffic Drop-Off area on Tresser Boulevard in connection with the Parcel 38 development.

- In addition, because the City of Stamford’s right of way will be impacted during project construction, Mr. Hennessey also requested approval for the construction

logistic plans.

- A tower crane will be set up; they will probably do it from Greyrock Place. They will need a complete road closure to dismantle the crane. It will not be done during holiday hours.
- There was a request to close a lane of traffic for one year. They feel that the sidewalks will need to be closed as well. Having pedestrians go around Main Street to the mall area and the other side of Tresser Boulevard will be the best path for pedestrian walking.
- Mr. Orgera stated that the Town Center needs to be notified of this closure, since it will impact holiday traffic and shopping. Mr. Patrick Quinn stated that even with the closure they will be able to maintain two lanes of traffic both ways at all times. Mr. Hennessey will contact the Town Center and Director Orgera will contact the Fire Chief immediately.
- Manual Traffic Control will be needed.

Motion was made by Thomas Turk, seconded by Veera Karukonda and passed unanimously to conditionally approve the lane closure on Tresser Boulevard for ninety days with the approval of the Town Center and the Fire Chief.

Jesse Chianelli – Garden Homes Management Corporation – Vehicular Traffic Circulation and Operations in Regards to the Construction at 1032 Hope Street – Sidewalk Closure may be Necessary.

- Mr. Jesse Chianelli requested approval on a construction staging and master plan for 1032 Hope Street, 88 unit apartment building being built across from Twin Rinks.
- Mr. Chianelli does not anticipate very much lane closure on Hope Street throughout the construction. They have an agreement with their neighbors, First Niagara Bank, any large trucks coming onto the site will be taken through the bank's property onto their property. There is a curb cut right into their property, which means that the use of Hope Street will be minimal.
- The staging plan is thru Knapp Street into the bank's parking lot.
- The Zoning Department has asked for this staging plan to be approved by Operations before they would sign off on the final Building Permit.
- Mr. Chianelli would also like to be able to use some of the parking spaces in front of the property, in case they need space for a truck delivery that could not go through the bank parking lot. They would like to use those spaces instead of having to close a lane on Hope Street. In the event that they do use the parking spaces, Mr.

Chianelli will need a Street Use Permit.

- If a Flagman is need, Mr. Chianelli needs to contact Sgt. Chris Broems.

Motion was made by Captain Tom Wuennemann, seconded by Thomas Turk and passed unanimously to approve construction staging plan for 1032 Hope Street.

Jay Inzitari – RMS Construction – Closure of Rippowam Place in Certain Locations.

- Mr. Jay Inzitari from RMS Construction presented the staging plan for the proposed building at Rippowam Place and Washington Blvd.
- Mr. Inzitari stated that they are proposing to do jersey barriers around Rippowam Place and the park area at the corner of their building. They will be taking the space for 12 months.
- The park will be used for staging; Mr. Orgera stated that Mr. Inzitari will need approval from the Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Mr. Orgera made the suggestion that Mr. Inzitari maintains the sidewalks on both Washington Boulevard and on Main Street.
- Officer Skoumbros suggested parking in the Bell Street Garage, and asked that workers be informed not to park in the Government Center Garage.

Motion was made by Officer Mike Skoumbros, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve the staging plan for the proposed building at Rippowam Place, with the change in the plan that the sidewalks on Washington Boulevard and Main Street will be kept open.

Captain Thomas Wuennemann – Discussion of Traffic Issues at Prospect Street and Forest Street.

- Ms. Aurelia Gilbert expressed her concerns to the Traffic Advisory Committee regarding the crosswalk at Prospect Street and Forest Street. Ms. Gilbert witnessed somebody being hit by a car at this intersection on Veterans' Day.
- Captain Tom Wuennemann stated that the sun glare has a lot to do with the accidents in this intersection.
- Director Orgera suggested synchronizing a traffic signal at that crosswalk with the one at Bedford Street.

- Captain Wuennemann requested a pedestrian sign to be installed while we come up with a solution to this issue.
- Director Orgera will ask the Traffic Engineers to do a Traffic Study and find a place to put up a pedestrian sign on that corner.

Mani Poola – Truck Prohibitions.

- Tabled to the January 2015 Traffic Advisory Committee meeting. Data is being collected.

Mani Poola – No Right Turn for Trucks Over Three Axels for the Eastbound Approach on Broad Street at Atlantic Street.

- Report submitted by Mani Poola.
- Item tabled to the January 2015 Traffic Advisory Committee meeting.

New Business

Winthrop Place.

- Captain Tom Wuennemann reported some traffic issues at Winthrop Place, including a car accident; the contributing factor was a construction vehicle.
- Director Orgera asked Officer Mike Skoumbros to inform the person in charge of the construction that they have to get a Street Use Permit and another Police Officer. Sgt. Broems needs to sign off on the permit.

There will not be a meeting in December 2014. The next Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 28, 2014.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Sgt. Broems, seconded by Thomas Turk to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
December 2, 2014