

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2013**

In Attendance: Ernie Orgera
 Captain Wuennemann
 Captain Mullin
 Captain McElligott
 Sgt. Weed
 Officer Mike Skoumbros
 Thomas Turk
 Doug Hoyt
 Paul Montanaro
 Mani Poola
 Veera Karukonda
 Frank Fedeli

Guests: Dwayne Fields – Parking Issues on Stephen Street

 Doreen Williams – Parking Issues on Stephen Street

 Michael Feighan – St. Patrick’s Day Parade

 Anita McCall – RFR 5K Race – Boys & Girls Club

 Representative Art Layton – Traffic Signal Broad Street

 Sgt. Andrew Gallagher – Low Bridge Warnings

 Kerri Hagan – Shamrock Stroll

 Roslyn Gilhuly – Cystic Fibrosis Walk-a-Thon

 Carol Ann McClain – Ongoing Parking Issues in the
 South End.

Meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. by Ernie Orgera, Chair.

Representative Art Layton – Review of Timing of Traffic Lights on Broad Street and the Entrance to Landmark Square and the Bedford Street Parking Lot.

- Representative Layton stated that there are no sensors for traffic at the traffic light on Broad Street where the Bedford Street Garage and the Landmark Square

entrances are. By not having sensors the lights turn green whether there are cars waiting to turn or not.

- Mr. Karukonda stated that the sensors will be installed this week, latest next week.

Anita McCall – Boys & Girls Club of Stamford – RFR Realty 5K Run/Walk – Thursday, May 16, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- There will be a change in the route this year. The run has always started and stopped at 300 Atlantic Street, the route is as follows:
 - Start at 300 Atlantic Street (on Atlantic Street north of Tresser Boulevard) heading north.
 - Continue north on Bedford Street.
 - Turn right onto 5th Street.
 - Turn left onto Revonah Avenue.
 - Turn left onto Chester Street.
 - Continue across Bedford Street to 6th Street.
 - Turn left onto Summer Street.
 - Turn left onto 5th Street.
 - Turn right onto Bedford Street.
 - Continue South on Atlantic Street.
 - Turn left onto Tresser Boulevard.
 - Finish on Tresser Boulevard before Edith Sherman Drive.
- Meters will need to be bagged by 3:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mani Poola, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to approve RFR Realty 5K Run/Walk on Thursday, May 16, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Michael Feighan – St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Saturday, March 9, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 11:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 1:30 p.m.

- There will be a change of the route of the parade this year.
- Parade will stage on Main Street at Washington Boulevard.
- Mr. Feighan has permission to use Columbus Park for staging, although he does not anticipate staging in the park.
- The St. Patrick’s Day Parade route is as follows:
 - Start on Main Street at Washington Boulevard.
 - East on Main Street to Atlantic Street.
 - Left on Atlantic Street.

- Straight thru Atlantic Street.
 - Straight thru Bedford Street.
 - Right on Walton Place.
 - End of Parade.
- Mr. Feighan requested permission to have a Reviewing Stand in the vicinity of Latham Park. The Reviewing Stand will be located in the parking spaces in front of People's Bank.
 - Sgt. Weed stated that if West Park Place is used for staging, Mr. Feighan will have to hire more Police Officers. Mr. Orgera suggested that they can double stack on Main Street and on Columbus Park since Mr. Feighan already has permission to use it.
 - Mr. Feighan stated that they would like to have a float in the Parade. Mr. Feighan was asked to contact the D.S.S.D. regarding requirements and guidelines for floats.
 - Mr. Feighan requested permission to put up a banner across Bedford Street. Mr. Feighan will need to get authorization from Sandy Goldstein at the D.S.S.D.

Motion was made by Paul Montanaro, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to approve the St. Patrick's Day Parade route for Saturday, March 9, 2013.

Kerri Hagan – St. Patrick's Day Fitness 5K Walk/Run – (Shamrock Stroll) – Sunday, March 17, 2013 – 8:30 a.m.

- The St. Patrick's Day Fitness 5K Walk/Run will have the same route as the Turkey Trot. The route is as follows:
 - Start at Commons Park.
 - Exit Park by taking right on Washington Boulevard.
 - Take immediate left (in between buildings, after Exhale Spa).
 - Proceed down street, around circle, up the steps onto boardwalk.
 - Follow boardwalk to end and make left through Costal Gardens loop.
 - Take right on Dyke Street.
 - Follow Dyke Street into Kosciuszko Park.
 - Follow park loop.
 - Take right on Elmcroft Road.
 - Turn left on Woodland Place.
 - Follow Woodland all the way to end. Left onto Pacific and Turn right onto Washington Blvd.
 - Go past Commons Park, turn right on Walter Wheeler.
 - Right into Commons Park for finish.

*****Sgt. Weed stated that there was a concern with the Fire Department on Atlantic Street. Some arrangements have been made to alter the start and finish of the**

Run; they will have to measure to make sure it is a true 5K. The Run will start at Walter Wheeler and will end somewhere next to Walter Wheeler.

Motion was made by Sgt. Weed, seconded by Captain Wuennemann and passed unanimously to approve Shamrock Stroll on Sunday, March 17, 2013.

Doreen Williams and Dwayne Fields – Parking Issues on Stephen Street.

- Mr. Dwayne Fields, resident of 78 West Broad Street, complained about not being able to park in front of his own house. There is a beauty salon located at the corner of West Broad Street and Stephen Street on the right. The hours of operation of the beauty salon are from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed on Sunday and Monday. The owner of the beauty salon has seven passes plus the two spaces in the front that have a 2 Hour Parking Sign. Mr. Fields suggested that the 2 Hour Parking Signs be removed of his side of the street which is residential.
- Mr. Orgera stated to Mr. Fields that that we will look at the problem.

Roslyn Gilhuly – Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – Annual Great Strides Walk-a-Thon – Sunday, May 19, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Ms. Gilhuly stated that there will be no need to close any of the roads.
- They are expecting between 250 and 300 people.
- The route of the Walk-a-Thon is as follows:
 - From Cummings Park Pavilion, walkers will do 10 Kilometer stroll along the Long Island Sound shoreline.
 - Exiting the park onto Shippan Avenue, walkers should follow the arrows, which will lead them to Ocean Drive West.
 - Right onto Ocean Drive West, go around.
 - After a quick rest and some refreshments at the rest stop walkers will return to Cummings Park via Shippan Avenue.

Motion was made by Mani Poola, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to approve Cystic Fibrosis Foundation annual Great Strides Walk-a-Thon on Sunday, May 19, 2013.

Carol Ann McClain – Ongoing Parking Issues in the South End.

- Ms. McClain stated that signs are not being installed by City workers; they are being installed by BLT or Vitti Construction workers, like for example the “No Parking Signs” from Henry Street down to Walter Wheeler. There are 16 signs and Ms. McClain feels that this is an excessive amount of signs.

- Mr. Orgera stated that there is a district in the South End called TIF District. The streets in the TIF District were handed over to BLT and they are in control of those streets. They can install signage on those streets; it's under their jurisdiction until the City Engineer accepts the streets back from them.
- Thomas Turk stated that the Signs and Lines Department is in the process of going street by street to double check what was there before and what the drawings show now.
- Ms. McClain stated that there are 15 Minute Parking Signs in front of businesses that close at 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. taking parking away from residents. Mr. Orgera asked Thomas Turk to find out what time the businesses close and replace the signs with new signs that say 15 Minute Parking between these hours.
- Ms. McClain stated that her condo complex is still waiting for the sign to be reinstalled that reads "No Parking Beyond this Sign".

Sgt. Andrew Gallagher – Low Bridge Warnings.

- Sgt. Gallagher stated that New York State formed a Bridge Task Force because they had many issues with tractor trailers impacting their bridges. New York State is now doing on street road markings that read "Low Bridge Ahead".
- The two biggest bridge strike areas in Stamford are Elm Street and East Main Street.
- East Main Street is a State road, which means we will need all kinds of approvals. In talking to Metro North, they would like to do a test on the Elm Street railroad trestles. With the assistance of Signs and Lines, they would like to put the following markings that read "Low Bridge Ahead":
 - Two markings for Elm Street northbound between Myrtle Avenue and Elm Court.
 - Two markings will be put on South State Street, in the right turn lane between Canal Street, but much closer to Elm Street.
 - Two other markings will go on Elm Street southbound, one under the bridge and one just before you cross out from under the bridge, before you get to South State Street.
- It will be monitored for the next year or so and if the number of bridge strikes go down; Sgt. Gallagher will go to the State to try to do the same thing for East Main Street.
- If trucks are coming northbound on Elm Street the alternate route will be to make a left and get to Cherry Street and back over to Jefferson Street.

Motion was made by Doug Hoyt, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to approve Low Bridge Warning Markings.

New Business

Gateway Project.

- Captain Wuennemann stated that several days in a row for a short period of time before 9:00 a.m. trucks are staging on Washington Boulevard. Captain Wuennemann would like to know if there is a staging area. Mr. Orgera stated that there should have been a staging area submitted.
- Officer Skoumbros suggested that the trucks be sent to the other end to the Pitney Bowes lot, the trucks will be able to stage there.
- Another issue is that the trucks are backing in when they come from Washington Boulevard to make their deliveries.
- Ernie Orgera will talk to Bob DeMarco from the Building Department since they issue the Foundation Permits to try to straighten this out.

Memorial Day Parade.

- Sgt. Weed stated that they would like to keep the start of the Memorial Day Parade on Summer Street, but move it down from Hoyt Street to North Street. They will stage between Hoyt Street and North Street.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Paul Montanaro to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m. and carried unanimously.