

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015**

In Attendance: Ernie Orgera  
Captain Brian McElligott  
Captain Sue Bretthauer  
Sgt. Chris Broems  
Officer Mike Skoumbros  
Thomas Turk  
Charles Spaulding  
Paul Montanaro  
Dan Colleluori  
Veera Karukonda

Guests: Carla Catanzaro – 5K Shamrock Stroll  
Giglia Hernandez – Stations of the Cross  
Lynne Colatrella – D.S.S.D. 2015 Events  
Anthony Conte- MarcUS for Change 5K  
Rose McInerney – MarcUS for Change 5K  
Sue Rigano – MarcUS for Change 5K  
John Miller – Long Ridge Culvert  
Kevin Blasi – Long Ridge Culvert  
Sarwat Basha – Long Ridge Culvert  
Andy Chakraborty – Long Ridge Culvert  
Jacob Platt – Long Ridge Culvert  
Paul Ginotti Long Ridge Culvert  
Nagi Osta – Maple Ridge Development  
Craig Yannes – Maple Ridge Development

## Bryan French – Maple Ridge Development

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

### **Lynne Colatrella – D.S.S.D. 2015 Events.**

- **Stamford Downtown Farmers Market**  
June 20<sup>th</sup> through October 31, 2015 – Bedford Street at Forest – Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Requested the Bedford Street annex.
- **Dinosaurs Rule in Stamford Downtown – Art in Public Places**  
June – August, 2015 – 40 eight foot dinosaurs will be placed around the streets in the downtown. No change from past years.
- **ARTWALK in Stamford Downtown**  
June 25-27, 2015.
- **Alive@Five Concert Series**  
Thursday Evenings, July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. at Columbus Park.
- **Jazz Up July**  
Wednesday Evenings, July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. at Columbus Park – No change from past years.
- **Arts & Crafts on Bedford**  
September 19 & 20, 2015. No change on the street closures. Will not be needing electricity this year, show will close at 6:00 p.m.
- **Giant Balloon Inflation Party**  
Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Summer and Hoyt Streets.
- **UBS Parade Spectacular**  
Sunday, November 22, 2015 – 12 Noon step-off, Summer & Hoyt Streets.
- **Heights and Lights**  
Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. – Landmark Square and Latham Park.

Motion was made by Captain Sue Bretthauer, seconded by Veera Karukonda and passed unanimously to approve the D.S.S.D. 2015 events.

### **Lynne Colatrella – Slide the City in Stamford Downtown – NEW D.S.S.D. Event.**

- On Sunday, June 28, 2015 the D.S.S.D. is proposing a new event called Slide the City, to take place on Prospect Street.
- 1,000 Ft. Water Slide.
- Ms. Colatrella requested the closure of Prospect Street from Hoyt Street. The Slide will run to about Walton Place. They would also like to close the area around the park and Bedford Street for the whole day.
- Risk Manager has approved the event. D.S.S.D. and vendor will provide insurance.
- At the end of the event, water can be treated and put back within the storm drains; or they can haul it off completely. Vendor will work with Health Department on which way they prefer to do it. Mr. Orgera stated that he spoke to the Compliance Officer and he does not want the chlorinated water in our system. Mr. Orgera is discussing with the WPCA as well to see if they can take that water into the sanitary system. Director of Health, Anne Fountain, is going to let us know what to do with that water.
- This could be a good event as long as the outreach is done properly.
- Captain Bretthauer informed the Committee of an e-mail sent by Captain Wuennemann. In this e-mail Captain Wuennemann expresses his concern on the impact to residents/business with the closure of Bedford Street.
- Ms. Colatrella stated that Bedford Street will not be closed until the Slide opens at around 11:00 a.m. and will re-open Bedford Street soon after the Slide closes.
- Captain Bretthauer requested that the churches be notified well in advance.
- Vendor will cover the cost for Police.
- The Forest Street Garage will be open to the residents for that day; they can park there from the evening before.
- A mailing will go out to property owners and management companies advising them of the event. The Ambassadors will put notices in everybody's mailboxes. The D.S.S.D. will visit with all the merchants personally.

Motion was made by Officer Mike Skoumbros, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve request for new D.S.S.D. event – Slide the City on Sunday, June 28, 2015 on Prospect Street.

**Giglia Hernandez – Rev. Gustavo A. Falla – St. Benedict/Our Lady of Montserrat – Stations of the Cross Procession – Friday, April 3, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00**

**p.m. – 800 Adults and 200 Children.**

- No changes from last year.
- Route as follows:
  - Start Procession at the intersection of Soundview Avenue and East Avenue.
  - Left on Wardwell Street
  - Right on Frederick Street
  - Continue on Frederick Street crossing Cove Road
  - Cross Shippan Avenue
  - Procession ends at back entrance of St. Mary's Church

Motion was made by Captain Brian McElligott, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve St. Benedict/Our Lady of Montserrat Stations of the Cross Procession on Friday, April 3, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Anthony Conte – MarcUS for Change & Stamford Public Education Foundation – MarcUS for Change 5K Run – Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 8:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 12:00 p.m. – 300 Adults and 200 Children.**

- Race will be moved to the center of the City, they will be using Mill River Park as well as City streets.
- Route is as follows:
  - Run starts north on Mill River Park
  - West onto West Broad Street
  - North onto Adams Avenue
  - Pass Cloonan Middle School to Wright Tech High School (back)
  - Go around building to front of school (Scalzi Park)
  - Follow ½ loop around Scalzi circle, past football fields to exit
  - Follow Bridge Street sidewalk to River Run pathway
  - Cross over bridge and continue path traveling back around Cloonan Middle School and retrace steps to Mill River Park for final leg
- Requests that gates be opened for using Scalzi Park and cross over from Wright Tech into Scalzi Park.
- There will be about 500 people attending this event.
- Manual Traffic Control will be needed.
- When crossing major roads, runners may be stopped to let emergency vehicles go thru.

Motion was made by Officer Mike Skoumbros, seconded by Captain McElligott and passed unanimously to approve MarcUS for Change 5K Run on Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Paul Ginotti – Lou Casolo – John Miller – Replacement of Long Ridge Culvert Over E. Branch of Mianus River – State Project No. 135-329.**

- Mr. John Miller stated that this is a State Project on a State road to replace a concrete boxed culvert that was built in 1933. The culvert has been determined to be hydraulically inadequate and it needs to be addressed structurally as well. In addition, the roadway is deficient in its curb-to-curb width.
- The project entails replacement of the culvert with a clear span that will provide a natural channel bottom and widening the road from its existing 28 ft. curb-to-curb to 32 feet to conform with current standard. This project may include closure of Long Ridge Road.
- The main concern is what to do with traffic while proceeding with the construction. Traffic Counts show about 7,500 vehicles per day. Different scenarios have been discussed to see if they can build this road with an alternating one way condition, with temporary signalized alternating one way. In the interest of minimizing the inconvenience to traveling public, would like to determine if there is an opportunity for detour and accelerate the construction.
- There are three alternatives for the duration of the construction:
  - Full closure, round the clock – Two weeks.
  - Full closure with a Detour during normal working hours – About a month.
  - All Old Long Ridge Road to south of the structure will be utilized for the northbound direction. One direction of traffic will be detoured onto Old Long Ridge Road and bring them back at the intersection with Long Ridge Road, just south of the Gas Station. The same will be done in the southbound direction, they will utilize Erskine Road. They will put one direction of traffic southbound on Erskine Road, back onto Riverbend and to Route104.
- There is a school on Erskine Road and there should be no change in the directional condition on Erskine Road during the detour.
- There will have to be a Public Hearing.
- Mr. Orgera asked that a meeting be scheduled with Mr. Miller, Lou Casolo, Mani Poola, Steve Schneider, Captain Bretthauer, Sgt. Broems and Mr. Orgera to discuss this issue further and come up with a solution.

- Dan Colleluori suggested coordinating with New York State to place electronic advanced signage at the end of Long Ridge Road by the Mobil Station. The sign will inform people from New York of the Detour taking place in Connecticut, the time frame and refer people to use High Ridge Road.

**Craig Yannes – Len D’Andrea – Signage Plan Set – 828 High Ridge Road – Maple Ridge Development. – Do Not Block Intersection.**

- Maple Ridge Development is a 22 residential units and Child Day Care Center, it includes 98 parking spaces. The development takes up the addresses of 11 Maplewood Place, 808, 812, 816, 820 and 826 High Ridge Road.
- Mr. Craig Yannes discussed the installation of “Do Not Block the Intersection” signs on High Ridge Road at the intersections of Donata Lane, Bradley Place and Tally Ho Lane. It is part of the Zoning certificate, condition No.13, as a State route the signs need approval from CT DOT, plan has been sent to them. There will be two signs, one on either direction on High Ridge Road at the three intersections for a total of six signs.

Motion was made by Captain Sue Bretthauer, seconded by Captain Brian McElligott and passed unanimously to approve “Do Not Block Intersection” signs on High Ridge Road at the intersections of Donata Lane, Bradley Place and Tally Ho Lane.

**Carla Catanzaro – BLT/Harbor Point – 5K Shamrock Stroll – Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 9:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 11:00 a.m.**

- Route is as follows:
  - Start on Harbor Point Road
  - Left on Washington Boulevard
  - Take immediate left go through 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
  - Right on Dyke Lane
  - Left on Elmcroft Road
  - Left on Woodland Place
  - Left on Pacific Street
  - Right onto Washington Boulevard
  - Loop it again and end at Commons Park for finish.

Motion was made by Captain Sue Bretthauer, seconded by Thomas Turk and passed unanimously to approve BLT/Harbor Point 5K Shamrock Stroll on Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

## **New Business**

### **Charles Spaulding, Chief Fire Marshal – Fire Lanes.**

- It has come to Mr. Spaulding's attention that there are many marked Fire Lanes throughout the City on private and public property that do not meet the criteria by which they should be enforceable.
- Mr. Spaulding would like to establish a process for official Fire Lanes.
- Mr. Orgera stated that only the Chief Fire Marshal and City Traffic Engineer have the authority to establish Fire Lanes. Officer Skoumbros stated that once the Fire Lanes are established a list needs to be forwarded to the Traffic Advisory Committee and the Police Department.
- Captain Bretthauer stated that during the process of accepting a Fire Lane, the Fire Marshal would like to bring it in front of the Traffic Advisory Committee for consideration and input.
- Mr. Spaulding stated that we should consider taking down the existing illegal established Fire Lanes until they are evaluated.
- Mr. Orgera stated that this issue should go in front of the Board of Representatives to clarify the issue of illegal Fire Lanes. Mr. Orgera will get this item on the Steering Committee Agenda.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Thomas Turk, seconded by Paul Montanaro to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Margarita Arenas  
March 2, 2015