

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015**

In Attendance: Ernie Orgera
Frank Fedeli
Captain Tom Wuennemann
Captain Sue Bretthauer
Captain Brian McElligott
Sgt. Wayne Scutari
Officer Mike Skoumbros
Dan Colleluori
Mani Poola

Guests: Eric Koehler – JCC – Turning Lane

Danielle Kwalwasser – 5K/10K Jumpstart JCC

David Langston – St. Joseph Parenting Center – Bike Ride

Margaret Carter – St. Joseph Parenting Center – Bike Ride

Lisa Butler – Beach Patrol

Kara Hanson – Beach Patrol

Representative Kieran Ryan – Beach Patrol

Jon Stellwagen – Half Full 5K

Jordan Giles – Half Full 5K

Tonia Vitti – Sundance Road Parking

Aniceto Vitti – Sundance Road Parking

Keith Griffin – Parking Issues at Liberty Place

Meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Ernie Orgera, Chair.

Representative Gabe DeLuca – Request for Speed Humps for Cross Road.

- Representative Gabe DeLuca did not attend the meeting Mani Poola will present request.
- Survey was done about a year and a half/two years ago and it did not meet the minimum criteria.
- Other residents have asked Representative DeLuca that a new survey be conducted.
- There is a moratorium on street humps at the present time; Mr. Poola will initiate the survey only if approved by the Traffic Advisory Committee.
- Mr. Orgera stated that at this point and time no speed humps will be approved.
- Mr. Poola will contact Representative DeLuca to let him know that at this time the Traffic Advisory Committee will not initiate another speed hump program.

David Langston – Saint Joseph Parenting Center – The Newsboy Ride – Fund Raiser Bike Ride in the Shippan Neighborhood – Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 7:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 10:00 a.m. – 100 Adults and 100 Children. (Representative Kieran Ryan Invited to TAC Meeting).

- Route:
 - Event will begin at 1170 Shippan Avenue – Our Lady Star of the Sea Parking Lot
 - Left onto Shippan Avenue
 - Continue south on Shippan Avenue
 - Right onto Ocean Drive West
 - Ride the entire length of the street
 - Cross over Shippan Avenue and continue riding on Ocean Drive East.
 - Continue the length of Ocean Drive East
 - Left on onto Shippan Avenue
 - Immediate right onto Ocean Drive West
 - Ride Ocean Drive West to Ocean Drive East, loop three times, then turn to Our Lady Star of the Sea
- No need to close the roadway.
- Mr. Langston contacted the two City Representatives and they were both comfortable with the event.

Motion was made by Dan Colleluori, seconded by Captain Tom Wuennemann and passed unanimously to approve the Newsboy Ride on Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Representative Kieran Ryan and Lisa Butler – Review of Policing of Street-Ends in Shippan.

- Ms. Lisa Butler discussed the four beach ends in Shippan Point that are public access. The end of Fairview on the west side, Fairview/Oceanview on the east side, the end of Shippan Avenue and the end of Stamford Avenue. Ms. Butler requested that these public accesses be cleaned regularly. Currently there is graffiti painted on the seawalls and garbage all over the ground. Ms. Butler also requested regular routine of policing at those ends after hours.
- Captain McElligott will make sure that now during the warmer months the Police patrol the area at the street ends and the public access.
- Mr. Orgera instructed that the graffiti at the end of Stamford Avenue be cleaned.
- Representative Ryan stated that the west end of Fairview the public access sign is missing.
- There is an issue with illegal boat launching. Representative Kieran Ryan wrote an Ordinance pertaining to this issue, but he said it did not move past the Harbor Commission, he would like to put it back on the Agenda.
- Mr. Orgera asked Representative Ryan to write an Ordinance that allows for free launch for small vessels under a certain size; this will eliminate people going to street ends to launch their boats.
- Residents should call the Police non-emergency number if there is any disturbance after hours.

Danielle Kwalwasser – Stamford Jewish Community Center – JCC Jumpstart 5K/10K Run/Walk – Monday, September 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 7:30 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 12:30 p.m. – 350 Adults and 100 Children.

- This is the 8th year for this event; usually they have 2 Officers and a Supervisor.
- Route:
 - Starts at JCC
 - East on Vine Road
 - Left on Pepper Ridge Road
 - Cuts thru the neighborhood

- Loops around Harvest Hill Lane
- Back to Pepper Ridge Road and Vine Road to the JCC

Motion was made by Mani Poola, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve JCC Jumpstart 5K/10K Run/Walk on Monday, September 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Jon Stellwagen – Half Full Brewer, Inc. – Half Full Brewery Road Race (5K and Festival) – Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 6:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 6:00 p.m. – 450 Adults and 50 Children.

- Run will start at **10:30 a.m.** not 12:00 p.m. as indicated on the Special Event Application. Run will end at 12:30 p.m.
- Set-up will start at 6:00 a.m. and clean-up will end at 12:30 p.m.
- Course will run along South End Pier and enter Kosciuszko Park, completing 3 laps around the park.
- Needs Parks & Recreation Commission approval.
- Half Full Brewery will be donating \$1 for every runner to the City of Stamford Parks & Recreation Department.
- They did not have any officers last year since they were on the road for about 50 yards. Runners are never going against traffic or crossing over traffic.
- Mr. Orgera asked that someone from patrol be in the area.
- Route:
 - Start at end of Atlantic Street onto Boardwalk
 - Continue onto Pacific Street
 - Right onto Dyke Lane
 - Begin laps around Kosciuszko Park
 - Exit Kosciuszko Park
 - Left onto Pacific Street
 - Finish along Boardwalk

Motion was made by Captain Tom Wuennemann, seconded by Officer Mike Skoumbros and passed unanimously to approve Half Full Brewery Road Race (5K and Festival) on Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. pending Parks & Recreation Commission approval.

Jesus Bravo – Asociacion Colombo Hispano Americana – Use of Columbus Park or Scalzi Park for Colombian Independence Day Celebration – Saturday, July 11,

2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 9:00 a. m. and Clean-Up Ends at 8:00 p.m. – 700 Adults and 100 Children.

- Request withdrawn by Mr. Bravo, there will be no need to close any streets.

Eric Koehler – Stamford Jewish Community Center – Newfield Avenue at JCC Left Turn Lane for South Bound Traffic.

- Mr. Eric Koehler asked the Committee for the possibility for the installation of a turn lane into the Jewish Community Center as one drives west down Newfield Avenue. There is currently a turn lane as one drives east on Newfield Avenue. Cars turning into the JCC can't see the oncoming car because of the turn lane for Vine Road. This causes many accidents and near collisions during peak time year round and during the summer season at drop-off and pick-up times.
- Mr. Koehler stated that there is enough land on the JCC property to allow for a turn lane. The JCC will be happy to give up that land to add safety to entering the property.
- Mr. Mani Poola stated that the City is in the processes of installing a crosswalk in this area.
- Mr. Orgera stated that the Committee would take a look at the request for consideration.

Thomas Woods – Fifth Street East of Bedford Street – Removal of On Street Parking.

- There is ambiguous parking on Fifth Street from Revonah to Bedford. There is not enough room for cars to be parked on both sides of the street making it difficult for emergency vehicles to drive thru. There have been several accidents in this area.
- Captain Wuennemann stated he will not be in favor of eliminating all parking because in some spaces it's wide enough, but the signage is definitely confusing.
- Mr. Orgera stated the road will be evaluated, they will evaluate the width of the road and if there is need for more signage. Mr. Orgera would like to see an accident history report. If parking needs to be removed for safety issues, it will be removed.

Keith Griffin – Parking Issues at Liberty Place.

- Mr. Keith Griffin complained about the parking on Liberty Place. Parking on both sides of the street is causing a problem and would like to have parking on one side of the street only.

- Tractor trailers have started coming up Liberty Place, there used to be a No Thru Truck Sign.
- The street light is missing by Finnocchio Brothers; Mr. Orgera will let the Engineering Department know.
- Mr. Orgera stated that the road will be evaluated; they will evaluate the width of the street to see if there is a danger creating liability to the City.

Tonia Vitti – Parking Issues at Sundance Road.

- Ms. Tonia Vitti requested a “No Parking” sign at the end of her driveway. Ms. Vitti is having issues with people parking there, making it very difficult for her to come out of her driveway at times. Ms. Vitti’s house sits at the edge of the circle on Sundance Road.
- Mr. Orgera stated that usually at the end of Dead-End Streets that parking is restricted. Thomas Turk will visit the area and sign it appropriately.

Juan Santamaria – Proposal for Two Way Traffic on Orchard Street between Selleck Street and Sunnyside Avenue to Avoid Traffic Congestion when an Ambulance Tries to get an Emergency Call.

- No representative was present.
- Captain Wuennemann stated that SEMS has no record of any issues with having a problem with ambulances going thru in this area. Captain Wuennemann is not sure what Mr. Santamaria’s issue is, but it definitely does not affect the ambulances.

Bill Buckley and Dave Killeen – Public Parking in Harbor Point.

- Item tabled to the June 2015 Agenda.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Captain Brian McElligott, seconded by Thomas Turk to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
June 1, 2015