

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013**

In Attendance: Captain Brian McElligott
 Captain Bill Mullin
 Captain Sue Bretthauer
 Officer Mike Skoumbros
 Thomas Turk
 Doug Hoyt
 Dan Colleluori
 Veera Karukonda

Guests: Carla Cantanzaro – 5K Run/Walk in Harbor Point

 Julie Gabay – 5K Run/Walk in Harbor Point

 Jo-Ann Michael – Sidewalk Closure in Washington Blvd.

 Ron Garner – Sidewalk Closure in Washington Blvd.

 Eamir O’Neill – Traffic Signs

 Jay Inzitari – 750 Summer Street Project

 Matt McDonald – Waterside School – 5K Run

 Antoinette Mallozzi – Sacred Heart Church – Procession

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

Carla Cantanzaro – 5K Walk/Run in Harbor Point – Tuesday, July 9, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

- They will be using the same proposed route as the St. Patrick’s Day Walk.
- Route is as follows:
 - Start at Commons Park
 - Right on Washington Boulevard
 - Left on corner of Exhale (corner of Atlantic & Washington) – Leading up to boardwalk
 - Follow the boardwalk and around the inside of boardwalk

- End up on Pacific Street
- Right on Pacific Street
- Right on Dyke Lane
- Left on Elmcroft Road
- Left on Woodland
- Left on Pacific Street
- Right on Washington Boulevard – LOOP it – ending in Commons Park

Motion was made by Officer Skoumbros, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve 5K Walk/Run in Harbor Point on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Matt MacDonald – Waterside School – 5K Run – Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – 100 Adults and 100 Children.

- The Parks and Recreation Commission approved the 5K Run to go through Kosciuszko Park, with the caveat that the route be modified by doing two laps of the ball field instead of going around the peninsula. Due to Storm Sandy, Kosciuszko Park still going through restoration.
- The race will start and end at the Waterside School. Route is as follows:
 - Waterside School
 - Up Pacific Street
 - Left on Henry Street
 - Down Atlantic Street
 - Go through Commons Park
 - Loop around, run along the new docks through BLT construction site
 - Back out to Dyke Lane
 - Enter through Kosciuszko Park – do two laps of the ball field
 - Loop around on Elmcroft Road
 - Left on Belden Street
 - End at the Waterside School

- Last year they hired 8 Police Officers with one Supervisor.

Motion was made by Captain Mullin, seconded by Veera Karukonda and passed unanimously to approve Waterside School 5K Run on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Eamir O'Neill – Brennan's Restaurant – Traffic Signs.

- Mr. Eamir O'Neill complained about the No Parking Signs that were installed around his restaurant – Brennan's Restaurant.

- The No Parking Signs are hurting his business and he does not understand why these signs were installed there.
- Ernie Orgera explained that the Traffic Advisory Committee received a complaint from the Fire Department stating that they could not make the turn there in case of an emergency.
- Ernie Orgera stated that the City does not want to hurt Mr. O'Neill's business.
- Doug Hoyt explained that the signs are 25 ft. Corner Restrictions that are meant to help the Fire Trucks make the turns.
- Officer Mike Skoumbros stated that by State Statute signs are not required. It is a City Ordinance that within 25 ft. of a corner or an intersection signs be installed to help emergency vehicles go through.
- Mr. O'Neill suggested installing No Beach Parking Signs. Ernie Orgera stated that this has been discussed in the past and Residential Parking Permit Program will not help Mr. O'Neill's business.

Ernie Orgera explained that No Beach Parking Signs will require legislation from the governing body; Mr. Orgera can approach them and ask about it. The No Beach Parking Signs will mean a Residential Program as well. There is nothing on the Code or the Charter that says there is no beach parking, we will have to create that.

- Ernie Orgera will contact the Fire Chief and will re-evaluate what can be done there as far as corner restrictions or restrictions. If the Fire Chief feels that they cannot make a turn without that signage, the signs will have to stay.

Antoinette Mallozzi – Sacred Heart Church – Madonna Delle Grazie Procession – Sunday, July 14, 2013 – 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. – 75 Adults and 15 Children.

- Route is as follows:
 - Start at Sacred Heart Church on Schuyler Avenue
 - West Broad Street
 - To Mill River
 - Up Smith Street
 - Back to church
- Procession will take place prior to the 10:30 a.m. mass.

Motion was made by Captain McElligott, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve Sacred Heart Church's Madonna Delle Grazie Procession on Sunday, July 14, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

John Payne – Soundview Manor Property – Request to Close Tupper Drive and Carter Drive for Fireworks Display on July 3, 2013.

- Mr. John Payne requested permission to close Tupper Drive and Carter Drive during Fireworks display on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 or rain date of Friday, July 5, 2013. Closure of these two streets has been done in previous years, except for the last couple of years where there were no Fireworks display.
- Mr. Payne requested that the streets be closed to all but residents from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Doug Hoyt stated that he already has the closure of Tupper Drive and Carter Drive on his list to do. Not sure if the street will be closed right at 5:00 p.m., because the workers come in at 5:00 p.m. to start the work.
- Ernie Orgera stated that since the closure of these two streets has been done every year, there is no need to take a vote, it will be done automatically. As long as the Police Department has no problem with the request, we will continue to do what was done in the past.

Joe Gerace – Parking Problems on Cherry Street.

- Mr. Joe Gerace's business is Dock Side Marina located on Cherry Street. Mr. Gerace has been in this location for about 35 years. With the Stamford Urban Transitway expansion and changing the street to a Two Way Street, it really has changed the dynamics of the street making it more difficult for him to operate. The street has been limited to 10 parking spaces on one side of the street. Out of the ten parking spaces, four to ten stay occupied 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Mr. Gerace has noticed cars that stay there for six months without moving.
- Mr. Gerace complained that he gets to work at 7:00 a.m. or 8:00 a.m. and cannot find a place to park. Mr. Gerace stated that there are three business owners in the area that park in front of his business and he is not able to.
- Mr. Gerace suggested installing 2 Hour Parking Only signs.
- Mr. Orgera stated that the Stamford Urban Transitway Phase I Project was a Federal funded project. Mr. Orgera will check with the Manager of that project because the Federal Government governs the restrictions on those streets. If it's allowed, the 2 Hour Parking Only signs will be installed. Mr. Orgera asked Thomas Turk to look at Harborview Avenue and restrict the intersection so that there could be a right turn if necessary, he asked him to come back 50 ft. to 60 ft.

Jay Inzitari – RMS Companies – 750 Summer Street Project – Request to Take Some Parking Spots Along the Front of the Property.

- Jay Inzitari from RMS Companies requested permission to take some of the front parking spaces in front of 750 Summer Street during the first three months of construction.
- The lineal footage of the frontage is about 170 ft.
- Mr. Inzitari would like to take the entire area so that they can develop the whole front scape early in the year before the Parade. Mr. Inzitari would like to do the sidewalks as part of the project.
- The Engineering Department will inform Mr. Inzitari what they would like him to do for pedestrian traffic. Mr. Orgera does not have a problem with the request as long as a sidewalk for pedestrian traffic is created.
- Mr. Inzitari was told that he can only take to the parking lane, which is about 7 ½ ft.
- Mr. Orgera asked that Mr. Inzitari go to the site with Thomas Turk, Doug Hoyt and Officer Skoumbros to take a look at it.

Motion was made by Doug Hoyt, seconded by Officer Skoumbros and passed unanimously to approve request of closure of the parking area along the front of 750 Summer Street for about 150 ft. to 170 ft., pending approval of our staff.

Jo-Ann Michaels – Thomason & Stevens – Closure of Sidewalk in Washington Boulevard.

- The request is for a lane shift on the two streets fronting the property, Washington Boulevard southbound and Clinton Avenue. A right lane temporary closure for Tresser Boulevard going eastbound.
- The purpose for this request is that the developer is going to need the area to replace the curbs, sidewalks and street scape.
- The work is proposed to be done in four phases:
 - Phase I: Sidewalk and street scape work on Washington Boulevard. Currently the amount of space that the two southbound lanes in Washington Boulevard have is approximately 28 ft. They are proposing to take 22 ft. of the 28 ft. and keep two 11 ft. wide lanes to maintain southbound traffic for Washington Boulevard southbound. Out of the other 6 ft. adjacent to/parallel to the curb they are proposing to put in a concrete barrier, with an 8 ft. fence on top of the concrete barrier. This will provide about a 4 ft. worker safety area for the contractor to finish the work. The start date will be the end of July 2013 with four

to six week duration, subsequent to that they will go to Phase II.

- Phase II: In very similar manor will be path of the Tresser Boulevard frontage, the difference is that they are proposing to do a right lane closure. This phase will take four to six weeks. There is signage laid out so that the right lane that is coming across the bridge from West Main Street and Greenwich Avenue and Clinton Avenue is a right turn only. There will be additional warning signs explaining that there is a lane closure coming up. The right lane on the bridge will be a right turn only into Clinton Avenue. Ms. Jo-Ann Michaels already went to the Engineering Department and has been in touch with the State.
- Phase III: They will be working on the frontage on Tresser Boulevard to the western part. There will be a return taper so that the right half of the right lane for Phase III will be open. Pedestrian traffic will be re-routed to the other side of the street.

For example the pedestrian traffic on Washington Boulevard will have a sign on Division Street, pedestrians will have to cross the street for any northbound pedestrian traffic and similar on Tresser Boulevard, they will have to cross on Tresser Boulevard and stay on the north side of the street. The same will be done on Phase IV down on Division Street.

- Phase IV: Clinton Avenue will not be shutdown. Clinton Avenue will be similar to Washington Boulevard, whereas there is a 29 ft. total width. They are looking to maintain two 12 ft. lanes and then keep 5 ft. for worker safety area and then a concrete barrier to create the ability to build the curbs on the street. There will be six parking spaces that will be affected on Clinton Avenue. The developer is proposing to provide parking spaces in the Bell Street Garage.
- Mr. Orgera stated that sidewalks will have to be replaced.
 - The duration of the project will be four to six weeks for each side.
 - Mr. Orgera stated that there is a lot of pedestrian traffic that crosses at Division Street. Mr. Orgera suggested that signage be installed on the east side of Washington Boulevard northbound.
 - Mr. Orgera suggested that they work very closely with Mani Poola and Veera Karukonda, to make sure that they are on board with everything that they are doing.

Motion was made by Thomas Turk, seconded by Veera Karukonda and passed unanimously to approve request to close sidewalk in Washington Boulevard with the conditions of the City's Engineering Department and the State.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Captain Bill Mullin, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
June 28, 2013