

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2015**

**In Attendance:**

Ernie Orgera  
Frank Fedeli  
Captain Sue Bretthauer  
Captain Brian McElligott  
Asst. Chief Tom Wuennemann  
Officer Mike Skoumbros  
Dan Colleluori  
Mani Poola  
Thomas Turk  
Charles Spaulding

**Guests:**

Kevin Crafts – Speed Bumps/Guinea Road  
Rich Baber – RF Youth Boxing, Inc. – 5K Run/Walk  
Jodian Wesley – Church Block Party  
Mark & Sharon Feller – Hartswood/High Ridge Road  
Amanda Crabbe – Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Walk  
Kislene Bosse – Optimus Wellness Fair  
Marggie Laurie – Webb Avenue – No Parking Signs  
Aleksandra Moch – Webb Avenue – No Parking Signs  
Representative John Zelinsky – Morgan Street Construction  
Maciej Kraus – Parking Issues at Walter Wheeler Drive  
Laura LaBosky – SUT Project  
Ann Brown – SUT Project  
Matthew Horn – SUT Project  
Tammi Ketler – 5K Run/Walk for Health & Hunger

Rabbi Bender – B4C

Rabbi Fraele – B4C

Robert Bagomolny – B4C

Samuel Fuller – Morgan Street – Removal of On-Street Parking

Meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by Ernie Orgera, Chair.

**Representative John Zelinsky – Construction Behind First Presbyterian Church – Blocking of Sidewalk.**

- Representative John Zelinsky stated his concerns and the concerns of his constituents regarding the dangerous situation going on at the construction site on Morgan Street. This construction project is located behind the First Presbyterian Church on Morgan Street between Hoyt Street and Strawberry Hill Court. Many constituents have contacted Representative Zelinsky regarding the fence that was put up by the construction company which goes all the way out to the street blocking the sidewalk, forcing residents to walk on the road.
- Representative Zelinsky requested that before anyone gets injured or killed to please make the construction company move the fence to the other side of the sidewalk, so residents can safely walk to the stores.
- Director Orgera stated that someone will look at this problem today. Director Orgera will check with the Zoning Board to see what they have allowed there.

**Ed Gentile – Removal of Recently Installed “No Parking” Sign at 109 Sun Dance Road and 10 Sun Dance Circle.**

- Captain Bretthauer stated that Police Officer erroneously issued a State Ticket. The Officer has been spoken to.
- Director Orgera asked the Traffic Engineer to evaluate and make a decision as to whether or not parking should be allowed or if different form of signage should be used.
- Item tabled to the August TAC meeting.

**Kislene Bosse – Optimus Health Care Center – Optimus Health Care Center Celebrates National Health Week with a Wellness Fair – Latham Park – Saturday, August 15, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – 250 Attendees. Closure of Small Street Next to Park.**

- Event already approved by Parks & Recreation Commission.
- Ms. Kislene Bosse requested permission to use parking area next to Latham Park to park the Breast Cancer Mobile Van; there will be no need to close the street.

Motion was made by Dan Colleluori, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to approve request to use parking spaces next to Latham Park to park Breast Cancer Mobile Van.

**Tiffany Sanders – RF Youth Boxing, Inc. – Use of Kosciuszko Park – 5K Run and Walk Beginning and Ending at Harbor Point – Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 7:30 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 1:00 p.m. – 200 Adults and 50 Children.**

- Rich Baber presented request for Tiffany Sanders.
- Already approved by Parks & Recreation Internal Committee.
- Only one Police Officer will be needed.
- Route starts and ends at Harbor Point:
  - Start at the arch on Harbor Point Road
  - Right onto Walter Wheeler Drive
  - Right onto Commons Park South
  - Right onto Washington Boulevard
  - Left onto Atlantic Street
  - Down the steps, onto the boardwalk
  - Slight Left onto Pacific Street
  - Straight onto Bateman Way
  - Right onto Dyke Lane
  - Right onto Elmcroft Road
  - Enter Kosciuszko Park, run a clockwise loop on the Park Path
  - Left onto Elmcroft Road

- Left onto Dyke Lane
  - Left onto Bateman Way
  - Right onto Harbor Point Road
  - Right onto Pacific Street
  - Left onto Walter Wheeler Drive
  - Left onto Washington Boulevard
  - Left onto Commons Park South
  - Left around the fountain on the sidewalk to the finish
- Kevin Murray from the Parks Department will let them know what part of Kosciuzko Park they can use.

Motion was made by Thomas Turk, seconded by Mani Poola and passed unanimously to approve request from RF Youth Boxing, Inc. for use of Kosciuszko Park and City Streets for 5K Run and Walk beginning and ending at Harbor Point on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Set-up starts at 7:30 a.m. and clean-up ends at 1:00 p.m. – 200 adults and 50 children.

**Jodian Wesley – Greater Works Community Church of God – Back to School Family Fun Day – 724 South Pacific Street In Front of the Church – Saturday, September 5, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 9:00 a.m. – Around 50 to 100 People will be Attending.**

- Closing the street can become very expensive. Charles Spaulding suggested that they use the outdoor playground area of the CTE building instead.
- Ms. Wesley was asked to contact Kevin Murray to check on the availability of the building/playground at the CTE building.

**Amanda Crabbe – Leukemia and Lymphoma Society – 1 to 2 Mile Walk to Fundraise for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society – Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 8:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 11:00 p.m. – 750 Adults and 250 Children.**

- Walk will start and end at Commons Park.
- There will be about 1,000 walkers.

- Ms. Crabbe needs to contact the Police regarding how many Police Officers she will need.

Motion was made by Thomas Turk, seconded by Officer Mike Skoumbros and passed unanimously to approve Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's 1 to 2 Mile Walk to fundraise for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. contingent amount of Police Officers needed.

**Mary Lynch – TMK Sports & Entertainment – 5K Run/Walk for Health & Hunger – Use of Cove Island Park and City Streets – Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 7:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 9:30 a.m. – 200 Adults and 50 Children.**

- Tammy Ketler for Mary Lynch.
- 5K Run/Walk leaving from Chelsea Piers through Cove Island Park. 100% of net proceeds benefit the Food Bank of lower Fairfield County.
- This is the second annual event.
- Route:
  - Start at Chelsea Piers
  - Left on Cove Road
  - Into Cove Island Park for about a mile
  - Out of Cove Island Park
  - Right onto Weed Avenue
  - Left onto Matthew Street
  - Left onto Webb Avenue
  - Continue onto Dora Street
  - Right onto Cove Road
  - Right back onto Blachley Road
  - Finishes back at Chelsea Piers
- Needs Parks & Recreation approval.

Motion was made by Officer Mike Skoumbros, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve 5K Run/Walk for Health & Hunger on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 8:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

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

- Tabled to the August TAC Meeting.
- Director Orgera asked that a meeting be set up with him, Lou Casolo and Captain Wuennemann regarding parking at TIF area of Harbor Point.

### **Mark Feller – Follow Up on Previous Request for a Change in the Timing of the Traffic Light at High Ridge Road and Hartswood Road.**

- Mr. Feller had attended a previous TAC meeting to discuss the intersection of High Ridge Road and Hartswood Road. At the time Mr. Feller asked for a change to the timing of the traffic signal at Hartswood Road and High Ridge Road to allow members of the Temple to cross High Ridge Road on the Jewish Sabbath without pressing the electric button.
- Mr. Feller stated that it was his understanding that there were three possible changes that could be done, one was changing the crossing signal to activate on automatic cycle, and the other was to change the signal so when it went into the crossing cycle it will stop traffic in all directions. The third possibility was to ask for an increase in the timing allowed to cross; the City was going to ask the State DOT.
- Mr. Feller stated that his own son was almost hit by a car when he was crossing High Ridge Road; the car was coming from Hartswood Road. In addition to his previous requests, Mr. Feller suggested that perhaps a sign could be installed on Hartswood Road saying “Please be Alert for Pedestrians Crossing High Ridge Road”. Mani Poola stated that the signs cannot specify streets; the signs will read “Yield for Pedestrians in Crosswalks”. Assistant Chief Wuennemann stated that if it is a signalized intersection, a pedestrian does not have the right of way without the pedestrian signal. Mr. Feller suggested that the sign read “Be Alert for Pedestrians Crossing the Street”.
- Hiring someone to press the electric button for the signal was suggested.
- Director Orgera stated that they will look at some kind of signage to install on Hartswood Road. As soon as Mr. Poola gets a response from the State DOT, he will contact Mr. Feller.

### **Janet Crane – Parking Issues on Webb Avenue.**

- No representative was present.

### **Anita Barkan – Traffic Issues at Wentzel Terrace.**

- No representative was present.

### **Kevin Crafts – Request for Speed Humps on Guinea Road.**

- Mr. Crafts requested the installation of two Speed Humps on Guinea Road.
- Director Orgera stated that there is a moratorium on Speed Humps at the present time, we are in the process of changing the Ordinances for Speed Hump requests and as soon as the Ordinance is changed, Guinea Road will be considered for Speed Humps.
- Speed Monitor will be used for data.
- Captain Bretthauer will send units to control speed, when it's Guinea Road's turn.

### **Aleksandra Moch – Road Improvements of Webb Avenue and No Parking Signs.**

- Ms. Aleksandra Moch stated that with new sidewalks on Webb Avenue came “No Parking Signs” along both sides of Webb Avenue. This area is defined as multi-family zone and most of the residences are two family homes, there is a demand for street parking. The new sidewalks changed the parking situation on the street.
- Recently installed No Parking Signs caused a big problem in the neighborhood for residents like her who reside in a home with no parking. The homes in the neighborhood were built prior to the sidewalks; most properties have no driveways and/or space for on-site parking. Neighbors have lost their parking rights in front of their homes.
- Director Orgera will find out from Engineering why sidewalks were installed on Webb Avenue and get back to Ms. Moch.
- Representative Zelinsky suggested that the No Parking Signs be taken down temporarily to allow residents to park on the street and not get tickets. Director Orgera stated that if there is enough width the signs will come down, but only if there is enough width.

### **Magic Kraus – Parking Issues at Walter Wheeler Drive.**

- For several months residents of Walter Wheeler Drive have been struggling with a difficult parking situation. It was observed by many residents that the majority of the vehicles belong to residents of the new apartment complexes.
- There are three multi-family houses on Walter Wheeler Drive, each house containing three apartments; residents of each apartment have an average of two vehicles. Each house has approximately three parking spots in the driveway, thus the necessity to

utilize street parking. This situation makes it difficult for residents to find a parking space when they go back home.

- Sometimes vehicles are parked and not moved for weeks at a time. Director Orgera stated that some type of signage can be used to correct this problem. Any person is allowed to park on any of our streets for any amount of time.
- Mr. Kraus requested residential parking on a small part of the street.
- Director Orgera stated that we will look at the situation. We will evaluate how many vehicles stay parked continually and not move. We will also look at restricting some of the parking to hourly parking. After evaluation is completed, Director Orgera will contact Mr. Kraus.

### **Charles Spaulding – Discussion – Establish Fire Lanes for Stamford High School.**

- Item tabled to the August 26, 2015 meeting.

Motion was made by Captain Sue Bretthauer, seconded by Charles Spaulding and passed unanimously to take the following three items under Suspension of the Rules.

### **Rabi Samuel Bender – Bike 4 Chai – Fund Raising Cycling Event – Wednesday, August 5, 2015.**

- Bike for Chai has been discussed and approved at a previous TAC meeting. At the time it was requested permission to allow bicyclist to come out of the Hotel on Summer Street and ride south to Bridge Street, then take a right on Bridge Street to Washington Boulevard and go north on Long Ridge Road. The Committee suggested that they use the Lord & Taylor parking lot. In the meantime, Rabi Bender and Director Orgera have met and Rabi Bender has asked to do whatever we can to allow the bicycles leave from the Hotel.
- They are in the process of getting a Permit from the State DOT to use Long Ridge Road.
- Mr. Robert Bagomolny asked if it would be possible to continue on Bridge Street, take a right on Stillwater Road, up Stillwater Avenue to Roxbury Road and cut in that way.
- Director Orgera suggested eliminating parking on the east side of Summer Street at that time of the morning. Riders will come out and continue on that lane, when the signal turns red everyone crosses. An Officer will be needed at Washington Boulevard and Bridge Street.
- The number of Police Officers needed will have to be determined by the Police.
- The new proposed route is as follows:

- Leave on Summer Street
- South on Summer Street to Bridge Street
- Bridge Street to Stillwater Road
- Stillwater Road to Roxbury Road
- Up to Riverbank Road
- Up to Long Ridge Road

Motion was made by Captain Sue Bretthauer, seconded by Assistant Chief Tom Wuennemann and passed unanimously to approve new route for Bike 4 Chai Fund Raising Cycling Event on Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

**Samuel Fuller – Fuller Development, LLC – Use of Unmetered On-Street Parking Spaces to Stage a Crane for Steel and Wood Frame Construction Operation.**

- Mr. Samuel Fuller stated that they are building next to the Police Station; construction will be completed by June of 2016.
- Mr. Fuller stated that they have some work to do alongside the sidewalk in front of the building; they will be placing steel and wood framing. They also have to re-do the sidewalks and curbs. Mr. Fuller requested permission to use the unmetered on-street parking spaces along the frontage of the site. They are planning on finishing the wood framing work by year end; they will then be able to go back and clean up the sidewalks and allow the parking to comeback.
- Director Orgera stated that Representative John Zelinsky has complained that it is a dangerous situation for the residents crossing the street and not being able to go on the sidewalks, we need to make sure pedestrians can cross the street safely.
- The Committee discussed approval of closure of street parking from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Saturday – Tow-Away Zone. Assistant Chief Tom Wuennemann asked that they hire an Officer for the first day or two to do the parking, to set the tone.

Motion was made by Captain Sue Bretthauer, seconded by Assistant Chief Wuennemann and passed unanimously to approve closure of street parking from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday thru Saturday – Tow-Away Zone.

**Ann Brown – Engineering Department – Information Only – Construction Operation Stamford Urban Transitway.**

- Job is at the intersection of Lockwood Avenue and East Main Street, total road reconstruction. Trying to get contractor to do this work as soon as possible.
- The Engineering Department would like the contractor to do the work in halves, half the road and then the other half. They would like to put the traffic in one direction only coming northbound to the intersection and not allow anyone to travel south onto Lockwood Avenue. Everyone will be detoured down to Myrtle Avenue and around to

William Street and coming back up to get to the area, if they have to. The operations will not take more than a week; they would like work to be done before school starts.

### **Mani Poola – Closing Replacement – Camp Avenue.**

- State DOT will be doing some rail work. Camp Avenue at the rail will be closed for one week, starting August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Asked that advanced signage be installed.
- Detour Route:
  - To Woodway Road – rather than Camp going northbound and southbound it will be in the opposite direction.
  - Greenwood Avenue could be used for relief traffic.
  - Stamford Police Officers will be needed for Traffic Control at certain areas.

### **Mani Poola – Greenway Street/Ryan Street One Way.**

- Request for change in direction of Greenway Street to Ryan Street. Greenway Street, One Way east by the Hockey Rink. Ryan Street One Way north up to the entrance to the rink and two way from there out.

Motion was made by Captain Brian McElligott, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to start the process to change Greenway Street and Ryan Street to One Way Streets.

### **Policy and Guidelines for No Truck Sign Installation.**

- Tabled to the August 26, 2015 Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting.

### **Speed Hump Installation Policy.**

- Tabled to the August 26, 2015 Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Assistant Chief Wuennemann, seconded by Thomas Turk to adjourn the meeting at 12:44 p.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Margarita Arenas  
August 11, 2015