

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2015**

In Attendance: Ernie Orgera
Frank Fedeli
Captain Sue Bretthauer
Captain Beth Erickson
Captain Brian McElligott
Sgt. Wayne Scutari
Officer Mike Skoumbros
Mani Poola
Doug Hoyt
Fire Marshal Charles Spaulding

Guests: Lia Martino – Liver Life Walk

Carla Cantanzaro – BLT

Lauren Dubinsky – Inspirica 5K Walk

Mike Battinelli – Columbus Day Parade

Renee Brown – Traffic Issues Catoona Lane & Myano Lane

Susan Tortorici – Speeding Issues at Sylvan Knoll Road

Anthony Coppola – St. Teodoro Procession

Kyle Rothschild – St. Jude’s 5K

Tom Langschultz – Speeding Issues at Sleepy Hollow Lane

Meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Ernie Orgera, Chair.

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

- Fire Marshal Charles Spaulding requested the approval of a Fire Lane at Stamford High School and to have it on record.

- Specific to the front of the school, there is an access road on the south side which already has signage for a Fire Lane but there is nothing behind it that would uphold the enforcement. On the north side, there is the access road to the annex, the Freshman Wing. There is parking against the building that would allow enough room for a Fire Truck or ambulance to get by, it's when the vehicles are parked towards the front of the opening that constricts and prevents a service vehicle from gaining access.
- Director Orgera stated that the Ordinance reads that if the Fire Marshal of the City of Stamford requests a Fire Lane and it is approved by the Traffic Engineer or the Legal Traffic Authority of the City, it could be installed. Fire Lane needs to be signed appropriately, install bi-directional signage as well as supplemental paving markings.
- Fire Lane will go in front of the school from the Auditorium right up to the turn into the exit to Strawberry Hill Avenue.

Motion was made by Captain Brian McElligott, seconded by Captain Beth Erickson and passed unanimously to establish a Fire Lane at Stamford High School in various areas where the Fire Marshal and the Traffic Engineer would propose to have that lane.

Susan Tortorici – Speeding Issues at Sylvan Knoll Road.

- Ms. Susan Tortorici expressed her concern with speeding issues at Sylvan Knoll Road; cars go by at 60 to 70 MPH. There have been a few close calls.
- Ms. Tortorici suggested Speed Humps for traffic calming. Director Orgera explained that there is a moratorium on Speed Humps, there is no money in the Budget.
- Director Orgera asked Doug Hoyt to take a look at the Speed Limit Signs, and see if there is a way to install a Speed Advisory Sign.

Lia Martino – American Liver Foundation – Liver Life Walk Fairfield County – Walk-a-Thon around Commons Park and Harbor Point – Sunday, September 27, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 7:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 1:00 p.m. – 500 Attendees.

- Route:
 - Start at Commons Park.
 - Right out of the park.
 - Cross onto Atlantic Street.
 - Down the path of the Boardwalk.
 - Come up onto Harbor Point Road.
 - Back on street where new apartment buildings are.

- Two Police Officers will be required.
- Cashiering and Permitting requested non-profit ID Number.

Motion was made by Mani Poola, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve Liver Life Walk Fairfield County Walk-a-Thon around Commons Park and Harbor Point on Sunday, September 27, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. pending non-profit Tax I.D. Number.

Kate Parker-Burgard – Inspirica – St. Luke’s School – 5K Walk Through the Streets of Stamford – Sunday, September 27, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 10:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 2:00 p.m. – 75 Adults and 75 Children.

- Lauren Dubinsky presenting for Kate Parker-Burgard.
- Route:
 - Start at Inspirica – 141 Franklin Street.
 - North on Franklin Street to Hoyt Street.
 - West on Hoyt Street to Washington Boulevard.
 - South on Washington Boulevard to Broad Street.
 - Stay on Broad Street to Grove Street.
 - Grove Street to Prospect Street.
 - South on Prospect Street to Bedford Street.
 - North on Bedford Street to Third Street.
 - Left on Third Street.
 - Left on Summer Street.
 - North Street to Franklin Street.
- Everyone will be walking on the sidewalks; they will follow walk signs and use crosswalks. Traffic cannot be stopped. As long as these rules are followed, Captain Sue Bretthauer, is fine with them not needing a Police Officer.

Motion was made by Officer Mike Skoumbros, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve St. Luke’s School 5K Walk through the streets of Stamford on Sunday, September 27, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Anthony L. Coppola – San Manghese Social Club, Inc. – Procession for St. Teodoro to Sacred Heart Church – Sunday, August 30, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – 60 Adults and 20 Children.

- Route:
 - Annual Procession will leave the San Manghese Social Club at 107 West Avenue at 10:00 a.m.

- To Stillwater Avenue.
 - To Schuyler Avenue.
 - To Sacred Heart Church.
- The days of the Feast are August 28th, 29th and 30th. The Procession takes place on August 30th in the morning from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 - One Police Officer will be needed for the procession.

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Fire Marshal Charles Spaulding and passed unanimously to approve San Manghese Social Club's Procession for St. Teodoro to Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, August 30, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Shanon Kessler – Friendship Circle of Connecticut – Friendship Day Walk – Sunday, October 18, 2015 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 12:00 p.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 4:00 p.m. – 150 Adults and 50 Children.

- Route:
 - Walk starts on building grounds at 770 High Ridge Road.
 - Go thru a backyard to Hartswood Road.
 - Right onto Beachwood Road.
 - Cut thru a yard to Brandt Road.
 - Cut back onto building grounds.
 - (Walk does not go onto High Ridge Road at all).
- Event was done once before using the same route.
- Director Orgera stated that they cannot stop vehicular traffic, unless street is closed entirely.

Motion was made by Captain Beth Erickson, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve Friendship Day Walk on Sunday, October 18, 2015 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Michael Battinelli – UNICO/Sacred Heart Church – Columbus Day Parade and Ceremony – Sunday, October 11, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 8:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 4:00 p.m. – 250 Adults and 50 Children.

- Route:
 - Sacred Heart Church.
 - East on Broad Street to Atlantic Street.
 - South on Atlantic Street to Main Street.
 - West at Main Street to West Park Place – Columbus Park.

- The Parade closes only the eastbound lane of Broad Street.
- They will stay in the west lane of Atlantic Street or southbound lane.
- Staging will take place on Mill River Street. Street will be closed on both directions.
- Will close West Park Place and Main Street between lower Summer Street and Washington Boulevard.
- They would like to close the streets near the park by 9:00 a.m. and Mill River Street by 11:00 a.m.
- Director Orgera asked to make sure that no vehicles are parked on West Park Place. West Park Place should be signed for “Emergency No Parking Tow Zone”.

Motion was made by Mani Poola, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve Columbus Day Parade and Ceremony on Sunday, October 11, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Kyle Rothschild/Jon Stellwagen – St. Jude’s 5K – Harbor Point Area – Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 8:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 2:00 p.m. – 200 Adults and 50 Children.

- Frank Fedeli recused himself from voting on the approval of this event because he does fundraising for St. Jude’s Hospital.
- Mr. Rothschild stated that they would like to do two loops thru Kosciuszko Park. Mr. Rothschild will need approval from the Parks & Recreation Internal Committee and was asked to contact Kevin Murray to verify if they can go to the point, work may not be completed there.
- Route:
 - Right onto Harbor Point Road.
 - Left onto Bateman Way.
 - Right onto Dyke Lane.
 - Slight Right onto Elmcroft Road.
 - Slight Left onto Dyke Lane.
 - Left onto Bateman Way.
 - Right onto Harbor Point Road.
 - Left onto Washington Boulevard.
 - Right onto Commons Park.
 - Left onto Walter Wheeler Drive.
 - Left onto Harbor Point Road.
 - Slight Right.
 - End of route.

Motion was made by Officer Mike Skoumbros, seconded by Doug Hoyt to approve St. Jude's 5K – Harbor Point area on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

YES: Ernie Orgera

ABSTAINED: Frank Fedeli

YES: Captain Sue Bretthauer

YES: Captain Beth Erickson

YES: Captain Brian McElligott

YES: Sgt. Wayne Scutari

YES: Officer Mike Skoumbros

YES: Mani Poola

YES: Doug Hoyt

YES: Fire Marshal Charles Spaulding

Thomas Langschultz – Speeding Issues at Sleepy Hollow Lane.

- Mr. Thomas Langschultz explained the speeding issues at Sleepy Hollow Lane. People do not realize that the street is a dead end until they drive far enough down the hill. At this point cars typically come to an abrupt stop, just before hitting the curb.
- Mr. Langschultz and his family were almost hit by a car.
- Captain Sue Bretthauer stated that the Police have received some complaints.
- Director Orgera asked Doug Hoyt to check that the Dead End Sign and the speed limit signage are clear. If necessary, speed advisory signage will be installed as well to help slow traffic down.
- Director Orgera explained that there is a Policy on how to sign Dead End Streets. There are two different types of signs that can be used; Director Orgera stated that both will be installed.
- Speed Humps are not installed on Dead Ends or Cul-de-sacs.
- Director Orgera asked Captain Sue Bretthauer to do traffic enforcement.

Rene Brown – Traffic and Speeding Issues at the Intersection of Catoona Lane, Myano Lane and Alvord Lane.

- Ms. Rene Brown explained the issues they are having with speeding that starts at the top of Havemeyer Lane coming down to Catoona Lane. There is a Stop Sign there but drivers do not make a full stop. There are no Speed Signs there.

- Ms. Brown requested that something be done to stop the speeding.
- Director Orgera will visit the site with Mani Poola, Doug Hoyt, Captain Erickson and Officer Skoumbros to see what can be done to help alleviate the problem.
- Officer Skoumbros stated that there still issues with the Limo Company and feels that this is a Zoning issue and Jim Lunney should be involved.
- Frank Fedeli and Jim Lunney will also go visit the site.

Mani Poola – CT DOT Application – The Brotherhood Ride Cycling Event – September 14 &15, 2015.

- Mr. Poola stated that this is nationwide event. They are passing thru our State and will be escorted by State Troopers.
- Route:
 - They are coming from Brownhouse Road in Greenwich.
 - Then Selleck Street.
 - After Pullaski Street they will go over Urban Transitway.
 - Then Cove Road to Route 1.

Motion was made by Captain Brian McElligott, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve The Brotherhood Ride Cycling Event on September 14 &15, 2015.

Policy and Guidelines for No Truck Sign Installation.

- Tabled to the September 2015 Traffic Advisory Committee meeting.

Speed Hump Installation Policy.

- Tabled to the September 2015 Traffic Advisory Committee meeting.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Captain Beth Erickson, seconded by Officer Mike Skoumbros to adjourn the meeting at 11:53 p.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
September 1, 2015