

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

In Attendance: Ernie Orgera
Captain Bill Mullin
Captain Brian McElligott
Captain Sue Bretthauer
Captain Thomas Wuennemann
Sgt. Chris Broems
Officer Mike Skoumbros
Thomas Turk
Doug Hoyt
Paul Montanaro
Dan Colleluori
Frank Fedeli

Guests: Caitlin Daikus – Walk MS

Nick Varnavelias – Limited Parking Signs

Giglia Hernandez – Stations of the Cross Procession

Bill Buckley – Public Interest

Carla Catanzaro – 5K/Shamrock Stroll

Domenica Monaghan – Knox Road/Haig Avenue

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Meeting was called to order at 10:42 a.m. by Ernie Orgera, Chair.

Monsignor Stephen DiGiovanni – Basilica of St. John the Evangelist – Corpus Christi Procession – Sunday, June 22, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 5:00 p.m. – 750 Adults and 250 Children.

➤ Route:

- Procession starts at the Basilica at 279 Atlantic Street.
- Procession will exit from the front (east) Atlantic Street doors.
- Turn left (north) onto Atlantic Street.
- Continue north past Bell Street.

- Turn left (northwest) onto Bank Street.
- Bear left (west) at the intersection of Bank Street, Main Street and Summer Street.
- Enter Columbus Park.
- Procession will stop near the Columbus Fountain in the center of the park.
- Brief religious service will be conducted lasting approximately 15 minutes.
- Procession will move southwest through Columbus Park.
- Turn left (south) onto Washington Boulevard.
- Turn left (east) onto Bell Street.
- Turn right (south) onto Atlantic Street.
- Re-enter the Basilica of Saint John through the front (east) Atlantic Street doors and conclude at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve Basilica of St. John the Evangelist Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday, June 22, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Giglia Hernandez – St. Benedict/Our Lady of Montserrat – Stations of the Cross Procession – Friday, April 18, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – 1,000 Adults and 100 Children.

➤ Route:

- Procession starts at the intersection of Soundview Avenue and East Avenue.
- Continue to Wardwell Street.
- At Wardwell Street make a left and continue for one block.
- Right onto 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 Frank Fedeli, seconded by Captain Bill Mullin and passed unanimously to approve St. Benedict/Our Lady of Montserrat Stations of the Cross Procession on Friday, April 18, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Caitlin Daikus – National MS Society – Walk MS – Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 7:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 12:00 p.m. – 220 Adults and 30 Children.

➤ Route:

- Start at Commons Park.
- Left on corner of Exhale – 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 Street.
- Left on Elmcroft Road.
- Left on Woodland.
- Left on Pacific Street.
- Right on Washington Boulevard back to park.

Motion was made by Sgt. Chris Broems, seconded by Captain Tom Wuennemann and passed unanimously to approve National MS Society – Walk MS on Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Nick Varnavelias and Mourad Bougid – Parking Signs at 411 West Main Street.

- Mr. Varnavelias requested limited parking signage in front of his store at 411 West Main Street.
- Mr. Varnavelias stated that cars are left parked in front of the store for 24 hours, sometimes two days, making it difficult to clean the snow and sometimes also blocking the handicap ramp.
- Officer Skoumbros believes that there is already signage there.
- Officer Skoumbros feels that no parking will be better. Permission from the State will be needed, this is a State road.
- Mr. Orgera suggested that Thomas Turk, Officer Mike Skoumbros and Sgt. Chris Broems take a look at the site and then make a decision on what should be done.

Domenica Monaghan – Traffic Issues at the Intersection of Haig Avenue and Knox Road.

- Ms. Domenica Monaghan stated the following traffic issues at Haig Avenue and Knox Road:
 - High volume of inappropriate through traffic on a residential to avoid stop lights on the primary road of Newfield Avenue.
 - Dangerous intersection of Knox Road and Upper Haig Avenue due to poor signage, no warning of intersection, barely visible road markings, and no cross walk for pedestrians.
 - Speeding and, on occasion, racing.
 - Motorist running stop sign.
 - Motorists not yielding to pedestrians.
 - Passing of stopped school buses and other motorists obeying the speed limit.
 - Noise pollution due to the above.
 - Use of residential driveways as turnarounds.

- Ms. Monaghan stated that the Police have done some enforcement in the past.
- Ms. Monaghan would like a portable radar trailer to be placed in the area.
- Mr. Orgera suggested that Advanced Signs be installed in all directions especially on Haig Avenue with the Advanced Four Way Intersection Signage.

Motion was made by Captain Wuennemann, seconded Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to install Advanced Signage on each approach to the intersection, which will be Stop Ahead symbol and the Four Way Intersection symbol on the same sign post.

Carol Ann McClean – Issues at Parking Lot on Washington Boulevard.

- No representative was present.

Mani Poola – Atlantic Street Railroad Bridge Replacement – Utility Corridor.

- Tabled to the March Traffic Advisory Committee meeting.

Motion was made by Captain Sue Bretthauer, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to Suspend the Rules.

Carla Catanzaro Under Suspension of the Rules – Department of Health and Social Services – Shamrock Stroll – 5K Run on Sunday, March 16, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 7:30 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 12:00 p.m.

- Route:
 - Start at Commons Park.
 - Exit park by taking right on Washington Boulevard.
 - Take immediate left (in between 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 Street.
 - 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 Brian McElligott, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve Department of Health and Social Services Shamrock Stroll on Sunday, March 16, 2014.

New Business

Finocchio Brothers.

- Mr. Orgera stated that he will have to go in front of the Land Use Committee on Thursday night to discuss Finocchio Brothers on Liberty Place.
- Two Cease and Desist Orders have been issued for the rock crushing plant. There are also issues with his employees parking all over the neighborhood taking up parking spaces.

Springdale School.

- Captain Sue Bretthauer requested No Parking/No Standing Signs on the northbound side in front of Springdale School. Mr. Orgera will ask Mani Poola to check with the State if it can be done, since it is a State road. If State says yes, the signs will go up.

AITE and Rippowam Middle School – Loveland Road.

- Captain Sue Bretthauer requested No Parking/No Standing Signs along Loveland Road on either side of the school.
- Captain Bretthauer also requested No Parking from Here to Corner signs on Silver Hill Lane to Loveland Road on both ways.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Captain Brian McElligott to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
February 28, 2014