

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013**

In Attendance: Ernie Orgera
Captain Wuennemann
Captain McElligott
Sgt. Weed
Officer Mike Skoumbros
Thomas Turk
Doug Hoyt
Dan Colleluori
Veera Karukonda
Frank Fedeli

Guests: Lynne Colatrella – D.S.S.D. 2013 Events

Ed Wissell – 177 Broad Street – Street Scape Plan

David Lynn – 177 Broad Street – Street Scape Plan

Tony Strazza – 177 Broad Street – Street Scape Plan

Ted Milone – 177 Broad Street – Street Scape Plan

Dan Hughes – 177 Broad Street – Street Scape Plan

Jason Henry – 177 Broad Street – Street Scape Plan

Frank Kozak – 177 Broad Street – Street Scape Plan

Fallon Keating – Stamford March for Babies

Marlene Springer – Prospect Street Intersection

Adele Gordon – Franklin Street Parking

Rick Redniss – Vineyard Lane

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

Lynne Colatrella- D.S.S.D. 2013 Events.

- **French Market (Farmers' Market)** – It will open the first Saturday in June and run through the last Saturday in October 2013. Requesting the use of the parking annex on Bedford Street at Forest.
- **Art in Public Places – Downtown Abstractions** – Exhibit will take place from June through August.
- **Jazz Up July** – Wednesday evenings, July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. at Columbus Park. The only change this year is that it will be a five week event instead of a four week event. The street closing times will be the same; it will involve West Park Place and Main Street. Streets will close down at about 4:00 p.m. until about 9:30/10:00 p.m.
- **Arts & Crafts on Bedford Street** – September 21 & 22, 2013. Includes Bedford Street, Spring Street, lower Prospect Street and Forest Street for the weekend beginning at 5:00 a.m. on Saturday and re-opening at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday.
- **UBS Parade Spectacular Balloon Training Day** – Requesting use of Walton Place on November 7, 2013 for an hour.
- **SAC Capital Advisors Giant Balloon Inflation Party** – Saturday, November 23, 2013 – 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Summer Street and Hoyt Street.
- **UBS Parade Spectacular** – Sunday, November 24, 2013. The street closings will remain the same; there is no change, addition or re-direction of the route.
- **Heights & Lights – Rappelling Santa and Holiday Tree Lighting** – Sunday, December 8, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., Landmark Square – same as last year.
- **Alive @ Five Outdoor Summer Concert Series** – Thursday evenings, June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2013 – 5:00 p.m., Columbus Park. Concert will be an eight week series not seven with no concert on July 4th.

Due to construction starting shortly in the parking spaces adjacent to Curley's Diner, they will have to revamp the talent lot and food court this year. The food court will go right up against the curb on West Park Place from Kujaku through the initial driveway into the parking lot. The emergency walkway will be put directly behind the tents; this was approved by Bob DeMarco.

For the talent area it was suggested to close the south and northbound lanes of Main Street west of Washington Boulevard and the parking spaces on the other side of Rippowam Park to be able to house executive port-a-trailer for eight weeks, there might be another option, but it is not granted yet.

Mr. Hoyt stated that the meters in front of Park Square West will have to be bagged when they close Summer Street for bi-directional traffic.

Motion was made by Mani Poola, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve the D.S.S.D. 2013 Events.

Marlene Springer – Prospect Street Intersection.

- Ms. Springer stated that the One Way section of lower Prospect Street that exits onto Forest Street has been the scene of three pedestrians getting hit by cars running the Stop Sign.
- This street exits in both right and left turns when you come out of Chase Bank. Ms. Springer proposed that there be a right turn only when you come out of the bank and close the left turn at the Stop Sign onto Forest Street.
- Mr. Poola stated that it can be done, but they need to consult the D.S.S.D. and a larger population. Captain Wuennemann is concerned that this will impact the commuters; the traffic will end up going to the top of the hill.
- Captain Wuennemann will increase the enforcement in the area.
- Mr. Orgera stated that a Survey will be done and we will look at installing a signal.
- Mr. Orgera also stated that we will check with the Board of Representatives to see if the street can be closed.
- Ms. Springer also requested that the “No Thru Traffic” sign that used to be at the annex be replaced.

Fallon Keating – March of Dimes 5K Walk- Annual March for Babies Walk-a-Thon at Commons Park at Harbor Point – Sunday, April 28, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. – 500 Adults and 250 Children.

- The route is the same as last year:
 - Start at Commons Park
 - Right on Washington
 - Left on Atlantic Street Extension – leading up to boardwalk
 - Follow the boardwalk south
 - Right on Pacific Street
 - Right on Dyke Lane
 - Left on Elmcroft Road
 - Left on Woodland
 - Left on Pacific Street
 - Right on Washington – loop it again – ending at Commons Park

Motion was made by Paul Montanaro, seconded by Captain Wuennemann and passed unanimously to approve March of Dimes Annual March for Babies Walk-a-Thon on Sunday, April 28, 2013.

Adele Gordon – One Hour Parking Signs at Upper Franklin Street.

- Ms. Gordon runs a Health Clinic at 141 Franklin Street and stated that the parking has become very difficult. Ms. Gordon has noticed cars that are parked on Franklin Street that do not move all day, and sometimes for days at a time.
- Ms. Gordon has tried unsuccessfully to get parking in private buildings further up on Franklin Street, and the other side of North Street.
- Ms. Gordon requested 1Hour Parking Signs.
- There are two “10 Minute Parking Only” signs near the corner that were supposed to be used for drop-off for the Pre-School Program. Ms. Gordon checked with the Pre-School and was told that they do not use it as a drop-off, because all children must come through the front entrance, which is in the parking lot.
- Committee discussed restricting parking during business hours.
- Mr. Orgera will check if there are any extra spaces at the lot located at the corner of Stanley Court, which it's owned by the City.
- Mr. Orgera suggested giving them a few 1 Hour spaces on the east side of their building with time restrictions on them, 1Hour Parking between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and eliminate the 10 minute drop off spaces.

Motion was made by Captain Wuennemann, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to create a 1Hour Parking Zone on the west side of Franklin Street between the business hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Daniel Hughes – 177 Broad Street – Street Scape Plan.

- The first Phase will be along Suburban Avenue, Jersey Barriers will be placed along the street and also signage to direct the traffic flow outside the curb (the sidewalk will be on the street). The parking garage entrance where they will be working will be closed, however access will be provided.
- At the completion of Phase I they will move to Broad Street. Work to the entrance to the building has been previously completed, so that there is access in the area the entire time. There will be Jersey Barriers on the street to provide pedestrian flow during construction, all with the proper signage.

- Upon completion of Phase II, they will move to Greyrock Place.
- On Phase III they are proposing to close the sidewalk, re-direct traffic across the opposite side of Greyrock Place and re-cross East Main Street.
- On Phase IV they will be closing the sidewalk, but will be directing the pedestrian traffic across East Main Street and back across Greyrock Place on the opposite side of East Main Street. Parking garage access will be closed; however, Suburban Drive access will be open.
- The duration of the two smaller Phases will be six weeks plus or minus. The two larger Phases will be eight weeks plus or minus.
- There will be no impact to travel lanes. They will need to bag the meters on Suburban Drive.
- They are also proposing to take the parking spaces on Broad Street.
- Mr. Orgera stated that “No Parking Signs” need to be installed to prevent people from parking on the travel lane.
- Project is scheduled to start on April 1, 2013.

Motion was made by Mani Poola, Seconded by Captain Wuennemann and passed unanimously to approve 177 Broad Street – Street Scape Plan.

Suspension of the Rules

Rick Redniss – Discussion – Closing of Vineyard Lane.

- Mr. Redniss stated that coincidentally the neighborhood has been meeting and talking about closing off Vineyard Lane. Vineyard Lane connects to Hunting Lane, which is a street that comes off Wire Mill Road and dead ends without a cul-de-sac.
- Residents have been talking to Mani Poola about the people that cut through to avoid the intersection of Wire Mill Road and Long Ridge Road.
- Mr. Redniss has filed an application to take the Real Estate Office and make it into a Pre-School. During the process they ran into this issue and came up with an idea that they think will meet the public safety issues that they have heard from different people.

The neighborhood as reported by Bob Hall is unanimous and they want the street closed. The neighborhood is fine with emergency vehicles, but they do not want people to be able to cut through anymore.

Mr. Redniss came up with a plan that will show that the street could operate for emergency vehicles and yet be closed. There will be signage on Long Ridge Road that says "Do No Enter". Coming out of Vineyard Lane there will be a "Left Turn Only", "Right Turn Only" sign with a "Do Not Enter" sign. A peninsula will be created to direct cars out to Long Ridge Road. "Dead End" and "Emergency Vehicles Only" signs will be installed.

- Mr. Redniss would like to know what the Committee prefers, saw horses so that City crews can plow or a chain.
- Mr. Orgera stated that a survey will be sent out to the residents. In order to close the street, it will need Board of Representatives approval. Mr. Poola stated that it will be a long process.
- Mr. Poola will have a report for the April 17th Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Mr. Redniss will be on Agenda for the April meeting.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Thomas Turk, seconded by Dan Colleluori to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. and carried unanimously.