

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

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

Guests: Lynne Colatrella – D.S.S.D. 2014 Events
Elizabeth Libner – Parking Issues/Pine Hill Avenue
Laura Sinitsky – March for Babies Annual Walk
Jon Stellwagen – KIC IT Triathlon & Run for Hunger 5K
Brian Hyla – Residence Inn
Carla Catanzaro – BLT
Kieran Ryan – Residential Parking
Lisa Butler – Residential Parking
John Ashe – Residential Parking
Nia Rhodes Jackson – Mill River Collaborative

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

Lynne Colatrella – D.S.S.D. 2014 Events.

- **Street Seats in Stamford Downtown, Art in Public Places**
June – August, 2014.
- **French Market (Farmer's Market)**
June Through November 2014
Bedford Street at Forest – Saturdays
Requesting the Bedford Street Parking Anix.
- **Artwalk in Stamford Downtown**
Friday, June 27, 2014 (6:00 – 9:00 p.m.) through Saturday, June 28, 2014 (12:00 – 8:00 p.m.).
- **Alive@Five – Outdoor Summer Concert Series**
Thursday evenings, July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 2014
5:00 p.m. – Columbus Park.
- **Jazz Up July**
Wednesday Evenings, July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014.
- **Arts & Crafts on Bedford**
September 20 & 21, 2014.
- **SAC Capital Advisors Giant Balloon Inflation Party**
Saturday, November 22, 2014
3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Summer & Hoyt Streets.
- **UBS Parade Spectacular**
Sunday, November 23, 2014
12 noon step-off, Summer & Hoyt Streets.
- **Heights & Lights and Holiday Tree Lighting**
Sunday, December 7, 2014
5:00 p.m., Landmark Square and Latham Park.

Motion was made by Mani Poola, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve D.S.S.D. 2014 Events.

Jon Stellwagen – Kids in Crisis – The 2014 Navigators Stamford KIC IT Triathlon – Sunday, June 22, 2014 from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- The Triathlon now has a title sponsor – Navigators. It is a five year contract.
- Some of the changes are as follow:

- The Race will be staged at Mill River Park. The Finish Line, the transition and the family festival will all be held at Mill River Park
- The Run Course will be changed to a one loop course. In the past they had two loops going through the center of the City.
- Adding on a Sprint Triathlon, starting and ending at the Archstone Site.
- The Bike is the same route as in previous years.

Motion was made by Mani Poola, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve the 2014 Navigators Stamford KIC IT Triathlon on Sunday, June 22, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Jon Stellwagen – TMK Sports & Entertainment – Use of City Streets and Cove Island Park for Run for Health and Hunger 5K – Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

- The 5K will be staged at Chelsey Piers and will leave from Chelsea Piers. The course of the 5K will go through Cove Island Park and the surrounding streets around Chelsea Piers.
- They will be on the road for about 45 minutes to an hour.
- Route is as follows:
 - Race starts at Chelsea Piers driveway/Blachley Road.
 - Left onto Cove Road.
 - Enter Cove Island Park.
 - Exit Cove Island Park.
 - Right onto Weed Avenue.
 - Left onto Matthew Street.
 - Left onto Webb Avenue.
 - Continue onto Dora Street.
 - Right onto Cove Road.
 - Right onto Blachley Road (Chelsea Piers).

Motion was made by Veera Karukonda contingent approval of the Police Department, seconded by Captain Mullin and passed unanimously to approve use of City streets for Run for Health and Hunger 5K on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m.

Laura Sinitsky – March of Dimes – 5K Walking Event – Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

- Route starts and finishes at Commons Park.

- Walkers will not be able to go through Kosciuszko Park.
- Four Police Officers will be needed.
- Ms. Sinitsky needs to meet with Captain Wuennemann to figure out a better route.

Motion was made by Dan Colleluori contingent approval of the route by Police Department, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve March of Dimes 5K Walking Event on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Libner – Parking Issues on Pine Hill Avenue.

- Ms. Elizabeth Libner, resident at 123 Pine Hill Avenue, stated that there is a big issue with the lack of parking due to the fact that there are more vehicles that houses in the area. Parking at all times of the day and night on both sides of the street creates a hazard all year, especially during winter.
- Pine Hill Avenue is used as a short cut between Hope Street up to Belltown Road.
- Ms. Libner asked if the Committee can do something to limit the parking on Pine Hill Avenue or create alternate side of the street parking. Ms. Libner also suggested doing something with the landlords about parking off the street for the residents.
- Ms. Libner informed that two commercial trucks and a big plow have been parked on the street at 44 Pine Hill Avenue for months.
- Mr. Orgera asked Mani Poola to study the issues on Pine Hill Avenue and Captain McElligott to monitor the street.
- Mr. Orgera will contact Ms. Libner with the results of the investigation.

Robert Sayour – Parking Issues on Bonner Street.

- Mr. Robert Sayour did not attend the meeting.
- Mr. Fedeli will contact Mr. Sayour to find out exactly what the problem is and will report back to Mr. Orgera.

Brian Hyla – Finalizing Logistics and Staging Plans for Work In and Around Residence Inn Project at 25 Atlantic Street.

- Mr. Bryan Hyla from the A. Pappajohn Company stated that currently they are in the permitting process for an eight story hotel. The new Residence Inn will connect to the Courtyard area.

- Mr. Hyla stated that they will be expecting large trucks coming to the site with large deliveries. Mr. Hyla requested approval for a temporary loading zone off of Broad Street. The request states that on given times during the week, on a Monday and a Thursday, early before traffic starts, they could parallel park to the sidewalk area to off load any trucks, this will take about an hour.
- They will also be utilizing an aerial tower crane during the course of the construction. Erection of the crane will start in early April.
- The Committee is concerned with the traffic and suggested to pick from Atlantic Street and take the parking area adjacent to the curb. The tower crane can be done on a Saturday or Sunday.
- Mr. Poola suggested that the trucks be pulled into their site with intermittent closure so they can back in, this would be preferable than using Broad Street.
- Mr. Hyla also proposed taking out the median in the center of Broad Street. This will make it easier for a truck to come in and out during the course of construction, they will re-build it afterwards.
- Mr. Orgera stated that the Committee will not approve the request today and asked Mr. Hyla to submit drawings on the median to the Engineering Department for their approval. Once the drawings are approved by the Engineering Department, then the Committee will come back and approve.

Mani Poola – Residential Parking Permit Program – Section of Houston Terrace.

- Mr. Orgera went before the Transportation Committee of the Board of Representatives to discuss the Residential Parking Permit Program. Residential parking will continue for what we already have and what was discussed by the Traffic Advisory Committee. There will be a moratorium on new Residential Parking Permit Program requests including the request on West North Street. Looking forward, we are looking to revise the legislation of Residential Parking Programs.
- The request for Residential Parking Permit Program for a section of Houston Terrace is a new request, so it will be put on hold for now.

Mani Poola – Residential Parking Permit Program – Stamford Avenue Between Verplank Avenue and Ocean Drive West.

Motion was made by Dan Colleluori to approve Residential Parking Permit Program for Stamford Avenue between Verplank Avenue and Ocean Drive West.

Seconded by Frank Fedeli

8 Approved
1 Against
2 Abstained

Mani Poola – Residential Parking Permit Program – Hobson Street Between Shippan Avenue and Ocean Drive East.

Motion was made by Dan Colleluori to approve Residential Parking Permit Program for Hobson Street between Shippan Avenue and Ocean Drive East.

Seconded by Frank Fedeli

8 Approved
1 Against
2 Abstained

Mani Poola – Residential Parking Permit Program – Fairview Avenue Between Van Rensselaer Avenue and Ocean Drive West.

Motion was made by Dan Colleluori to approve Residential Parking Permit Program for Fairview Avenue between Van Rensselaer Avenue and Ocean Drive West.

Seconded by Frank Fedeli

8 Approved
1 Against
2 Abstained

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

- Atlantic Street Railroad Bridge Replacement Project is in full gear, construction starts spring of 2015.
- Utilities will be relocated before construction starts. State working with utilities to provide the utility corridor.
- Utility corridors are located east of the existing bridge.
- Piers will be constructed on site and then they will move the bridge into place. Location will widen to accommodate the extra rail.
- There will be another track, it will be Track 7.
- Track 7 will be northbound. The number of lanes on South State Street will be the same. The touch down for the ramp coming from I-95 will be relocated where it was before between Canal and Atlantic. There will be a signal at the ramp.
- Construction will be completed two years from start date.

New Business

- Mr. Orgera stated that he has been getting traffic complaints on Halloween Boulevard. People using the Donut Delight Drive-Thru are blocking Halloween Boulevard. The situation is not too bad now because it is only a line for the coffee shop, but in the summer time there will be a line for the Car Wash as well.
- Captain Wuennemann agreed that there is an issue at this location, and stated that many times you can't make a left onto Halloween Boulevard coming from Jefferson Street.
- Mr. Orgera asked Captain McElligott to monitor the area.
- Captain Wuennemann stated that Captain Bretthauer received a letter that was sent to the Mayor's Office and the Police Department about 2297 Long Ridge Road; they are looking for signs that say "Caution Hidden Driveway". The City cannot do anything about this request, it is a State road.
- Mr. Orgera asked Officer Skoumbros to look at the issues with the two sidewalks on Vassar Avenue.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Dan Colleluori to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
March 27, 2014