

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2014**

In Attendance: Ernie Orgera
Captain Sue Bretthauer
Sgt. Chris Broems
Officer Mike Skoumbros
Thomas Turk
Doug Hoyt
Paul Montanaro
Dan Colleluori
Frank Fedeli
Mani Poola
Lou Casolo

Guests: Ian Briggs – Stamford Hospital Building
Bob Koenig – Stamford Hospital Building
Michael Smeriglio – Stamford Hospital Building
Bob Hall – Speed Bumps on Vineyard Lane
Ray Mazzeo – Speed Bumps on Vineyard Lane
Ellen Laichtman – JCC JumpStart Walk
Mo Concepcion – JCC Kids Triathlon
Giglia Hernandez – St. Benedict Walk-a-Thon
Michael Palmer – Bridge Street Wienery
Penny Mazzucco – Memorial Day Parade

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

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to take Item #2 on the Agenda out of order.

Giglia Hernandez – St. Benedict/Our Lady of Montserrat – Walk-a-Thon- Sunday, June 8, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – 500 Adults and 100 Children.

- Route of the Walk-a-Thon is as follows:
 - Start at St. Mary's Parking Lot
 - Elm Street to Myrtle Avenue
 - North on Myrtle Avenue to East Main Street
 - East on East Main Street to Weed Avenue
 - South on Weed Avenue to Cove Island Park
 - End at Cove Island Park
- Mr. Orgera informed Ms. Hernandez of the Stamford Urban Transitway Project, Phase II that is currently taking place in the area, and made her aware that there will be a lot of construction going on.
- Mr. Orgera asked Ms. Hernandez to get together with Sgt. Broems to discuss her needs for Manual Traffic Control Officers.
- A Street Use Permit will be needed.

Matt MacDonald – The Waterside School – 5K Run/Walk – Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 8:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 11:00 a.m. – 300 Adults and 200 Children.

- This will be the fifth year of the Waterside School 5K Run/Walk. Sgt. Broems stated that this event always goes very well.
- Route is as follows:
 - Race will start at the Waterside School
 - North on Pacific Street
 - Left on Henry Street
 - Left on Atlantic Street
 - Left on Washington Boulevard
 - Through Commons Park
 - Loop of Harbor Point Road
 - Back onto Dyke Lane
 - Through Kosciuszko Park
 - Exit park onto Elmcroft Road
 - Left onto Belden Street for the Finish
- Not asking for full street closures, except for right in front of the school.
- Sgt. Broems suggested they use the same amount of Police Officers they used last year.

Motion was made by Sgt. Broems, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to approve the Waterside School 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Bob Koenig – Suffolk Construction Company – Stamford Hospital Integrated Care Building.

- Mr. Koenig stated that the Stamford Hospital Integrated Care Building will be the medical office building, it's an eight story building and it will be built like a parking garage.
- The building is constructed of precast concrete elements the most common being double tee pieces typical of parking garage construction.
- If everything goes well with the Building Department they will be able to start construction in June 2014 and finish in July 2015.
- They anticipate 14 pieces being delivered and erected per day. 750 Deliveries of precast to the job site between August 1st and November 1st, 2014 are anticipated, about 12 trucks a day. Out of the 750 deliveries about 500 are permitted loads, these are a little wider and a little longer than the normal tractor trailer. The other 250 deliveries are conventional tractor trailer length. Normal trucks travel from 7:00 a.m. until the end of day 4:00/5:00 p.m. – Permitted loads are only allowed to travel 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on I-95, they are anticipated to come in at 9:30/9:45 a.m.
- Mr. Koenig stated that they have been looking for sites where they could park some trailers, if need be, in case of any delays. They can't go directly from I-95 to the hospital.
- Mr. Koenig proposed using Exit 6 off of I-95 and then West Avenue to Stillwater Avenue and then Spruce Street to the job site. The trucks would exit via Finney Lane to Stillwater Avenue to accommodate potential traffic constraints and whether they propose using the lower fenced parking lot at the Cytec site for temporary staging of deliveries. The Cytec site would be accessed from Acosta Street off of West Avenue.

At the present time No Trucks signs are in place on Spruce Street at the intersection of Stillwater Avenue. Mr. Koenig requested that their trucking be allowed to access on to Spruce Street from Stillwater Avenue. Mr. Koenig stated that Mani Poola would be more comfortable if to access the Cytec site they turn on Harvard Avenue, come down, access through Alvord Lane and end at Catoona Lane.

- Mr. Poola stated that he does not have any problem with Mr. Koenig using any of the streets, but each and every neighbor should be informed.

- Mr. Poola discussed his concerns and requirements for truck deliveries based on Mr. Koenig's plan (See Attached).
- Sgt. Broems will coordinate a team or Task Force of Officers to work directly with Mr. Koenig. Mr. Poola suggested a meeting by next week with the Police.

Motion was made by Sgt. Broems, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve route concept for building material delivery, Harvard Avenue and alternate between Alvord Lane or the Cytec site and routes back to the hospital. Details need to be worked out with Mani Poola. West Avenue can be used but it must have traffic control.

Jeffrey Grossbard – Lime Rock Park LLC – Lime Rock Rocks Stamford – Permission to Park 7 Cars Along Bedford Street in Front of Brickhouse Bar – Wednesday, May 21, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 3:00 p.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 9:00 p.m. – 150 Adults.

- Mr. Jeffrey Grossbard requested that the item be taken off the Agenda.

Mo Concepcion – 5th Annual JCC Kid's Triathlon – Sunday, June 15, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 6:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 12:00 p.m. – 100 Adults and 200 Children.

- This event is for ages 4 to 14. Everyone swims and runs at the JCC property, the Street Permit is needed for the bike part of the Triathlon. All kids ages 7 to 14 bike off property.
- Route is as follows:
 - Start at the JCC
 - Down Vine Road
 - Right on Club Road
 - Go around Club Road and circle back up. Ages 7 to 10 do the loop once and ages 11 to 14 do the loop twice
- Five Officers will be needed.

Motion was made by Captain Sue Bretthauer, seconded by Thomas Turk and passed unanimously to approve 5th Annual JCC Kid's Triathlon on Sunday June 15, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Ellen Laichtman – Stamford JCC – JCC Jumpstart 5K Run/Walk – Monday, September 1, 2014 – 350 Adults and 100 Children.

- This will be the 7th year of the JCC Jumpstart 5K Run/Walk.

- 5K Run/Walk starts and ends at the JCC. Route is as follows:
 - Starts at the JCC
 - East on Vine Road
 - Left on Pepper Ridge Road
 - Cuts thru the neighborhood
 - Loops around Harvest Hill Lane
 - Back to Pepper Ridge and Vine Road to the JCC

- Ms. Laichtman stated that the Event Co-Chairs would like to offer the option to make this a 10K Run, which means that anyone who is interested will do the route two times. Captain Bretthauer stated that if the Police need to stay longer than the four hours that they are already hired for, they will need to be paid another four hours minimum.

- Mr. Orgera asked Ms. Laichtman to meet with Sgt. Broems regarding Police Officers needed and the amount of time.

Motion was made by Doug Hoyt, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve Stamford JCC Jumpstart 5K Run/Walk on Monday, September 1, 2014.

Penny Mazzucco – Patriotic & Special Events Commission – Memorial Day Parade – Sunday, May 25, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Due to construction taking place on lower Summer Street route needs to be revised.

- New proposed route will be as follows:
 - Summer Street from Hoyt Street to Broad Street
 - East on Broad Street to Atlantic Street
 - South on Atlantic Street to Veteran’s Park

- Showmobile will have to be repositioned. Mr. Hoyt suggested moving it to the bus drop off area in front of the park.

Motion was made by Sgt. Chris Broems, seconded by Officer Mike Skoumbros and passed unanimously to approve new proposed route for Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 25, 2014.

Ray Mazzeo – Speed Bumps on Vineyard Lane and Hunting Lane.

- Mr. Mazzeo stated that this request has been in front of the Traffic Advisory Committee in the past.

- Mr. Mazzeo has discussed with Ernie Orgera and Mani Poola installing speed bumps to slow the traffic that typically cuts through to avoid the light at Wiremill Road.
- Mr. Mazzeo explained that he followed up with Mani Poola to make sure the locations of the speed bumps display correctly the way Mr. Poola described in his memo.
- Mr. Mazzeo stated that they currently have a pending application with the ZBA to re-use the existing building for a public and charitable agency; it will operate like an office.
- Mr. Mazzeo stated that the applicant has offered to fund the improvements for the speed bumps and Mani Poola has issued his comments to the ZBA Application.

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve speed bumps on Vineyard Lane and Hunting Lane at Mr. Mazzeo's client's expense including signage.

Marla Peterson – Request for Speed Bumps on Highline Trail.

- Ms. Marla Peterson did not attend the meeting.
- Mr. Orgera stated that Policy is not to install speed bumps on dead end streets, only on cut through streets.

Mike Palmer – Bridge Street Wienery – Two Year Anniversary Hot Dog Eating Contest – Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 12:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 11:30 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 4:00 p.m. – 40 Adults and 20 Children.

- Mr. Palmer stated that he is only requesting the closing of one lane of traffic closest to the restaurant from Summer Street to Washington Blvd.
- Cones were used last year to close the lane.
- Officer Broems stated that one Police Officer will be needed.

Motion was made by Doug Hoyt, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to approve closure of traffic lane closest to Bridge Street Wienery from Summer Street to Washington Boulevard for Hot Dog Eating Contest.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Doug Hoyt, seconded by

Captain Sue Bretthauer to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
May 1, 2014