

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014**

In Attendance: Ernie Orgera  
Captain Brian McElligott  
Captain Tom Wuennemann  
Thomas Turk  
Doug Hoyt  
Frank Fedeli  
Mani Poola  
Veera Karukonda

Guests: Lynne Colatrella – Pop Up Concert on Bedford Street  
  
John Payne – Closure of Tupper and Carter Drives  
  
Kristin Link – Liver Life Walk  
  
Tom Gale – Traffic Light/Strawberry Hill Avenue  
  
Kelly Leather – Walk-a-Thon  
  
Nancy Geary – Road Race

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

**Lynne Colatrella – Stamford D.S.S.D. – Boston Pops Symphony “Pop Up” Concert on Bedford Street – Monday, June 30, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 5:00 p.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 7:00 p.m. – 200 Adults.**

- The request is to close the street on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. and re-open it at 8:00 p.m. – The concert will be one hour long from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- They will erect a small platform, one standing microphone; access to power from street pole light will be needed.
- Captain Wuennemann will be assigning two Police Officers to cover the event. The Boston Pops Symphony will pay for all cost associated.
- Ms. Colatrella stated that they will need a few parking spaces cleared for a bus that is coming in and the two sides where the platform is going to sit, which is between Butterfield 8 and Hudson Grill. Signs should be posted to let people know that if

their cars are in at 5:00 p.m. they will not be able to go out until 8:00 p.m. Mr. Orgera stated that there should be signage as well as a person telling people to move their cars by 5:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Captain Wuennemann, seconded by Captain McElligott and passed unanimously to approve Boston Pops Symphony "Pop Up" Concert on Bedford Street on Monday, June 30, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Kate Parker-Burgard – St. Luke’s School/Inspirica – One Step Closer to Home Walkathon – Sunday, October 5, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 10:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 3:00 p.m. – 50 Adults and 100 Children.**

- Ms. Kelly Leather representing Kate Parker-Burgard.
- They will be walking on sidewalks and crossing streets.
- Captain Wuennemann stated that they did not have Police control last year and there were no issues. There will be no need for Police control this year.
- Route:
  - Franklin Street to north Washington Blvd.
  - Broad Street
  - Grove Street
  - Prospect Street
  - Bedford Street
  - Third Street
  - Summer Street to North Street
  - Back to Franklin Street

Motion was made by Mani Poola, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve St. Luke’s School/Inspirica One Step Closer to Home Walkathon on Sunday, October 5, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Kristin Link – American Liver Foundation – Liver Life Walk Fairfield County – Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 7:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 2:00 p.m. – 500 Adults and 100 Children.**

- Route will be the same as last year:
  - South on Washington Boulevard to Atlantic Street
  - Harbor Point Boardwalk
  - Back to Commons Park
  - Two laps
- They will hire two Police Officers.

Motion was made by Veera Karukonda, seconded by Thomas Turk and passed unanimously to approve American Liver Foundation Liver Life Walk Fairfield County on Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Nancy Geary – St. Francis Episcopal Church – Miles for a Mission Road Race – Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 6:30 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 12:00 p.m. – 100 Adults and 50 Children.**

- This Road Race is done early in the morning and no streets need to be closed.
- Route:
  - Out of St. Francis Episcopal Church drive left onto Long Ridge Road
  - Up Long Ridge Road and a right onto Old Long Ridge Road
  - Left onto Rockrimmon Road
  - Right onto Breezy Hill Road
  - Right onto Black Berry Drive
  - Left onto Mill Valley Lane
  - Right onto Mill Spring Lane
  - Right onto Mill Road
  - Right onto Old Long Ridge Road
  - Left onto Parsonage Road
  - Right onto Long Ridge Road and back to church

- Three Police Officers were used last year.

Motion was made by Doug Hoyt, seconded by Thomas Turk and passed unanimously to approve St. Francis Episcopal Church – Miles for a Mission Road Race on Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**John Payne – Soundview Manor Property Owner’s Association – Permission to Close Carter and Tupper Drives on the Evening of the City of Stamford’s July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Celebrations.**

- Mr. Payne requested the closure of Carter and Tupper Drives as it has been done in the past at the top of each street, so they don’t get driving traffic on July 3<sup>rd</sup> (Fireworks night) with a rain date of July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- In the past the City has provided sawhorses to close the streets off and they have hired Metro Guard to put an Officer at the top of each street.
- Mr. Orgera made it clear that we cannot restrict pedestrian traffic on a City street, only vehicular traffic.
- No motion is needed since we have been doing this for several years.

## **Tom Gale – 70 Strawberry Hill Avenue – Request for Traffic Light on Street Outside Entry/Exit Driveway.**

- Mr. Tom Gale stated that there was a traffic accident of someone exiting their condo complex which resulted in a fatality. Since the accident, they have made corrections in their own area, they had an entrance/exit path which is now just an entrance (One Way in), and they also trimmed the bushes.
- Mr. Gale stated that there is tremendous traffic on Strawberry Hill Avenue. Mr. Gale also acknowledged that with the High School, the traffic slows down a little bit, but once school is over cars zoom through.
- It is dangerous for kids being dropped off and crossing the street to get to the school.
- Mr. Gale requested that a Traffic Light be installed to help with the speeding on the street.
- Mr. Orgera stated that the pedestrian crosswalk at the stairway to the school was removed about 7 or 8 years ago, because a couple of young people were struck by motor vehicles. Students should be dropped off on the east side of Strawberry Hill Avenue.
- Mr. Orgera stated that Mani Poola, Traffic Engineer has been doing a lot of research on installing a crosswalk in the area. Mr. Poola stated that at one point the Board of Education said that they would fund a Traffic Signal at the north end of their driveway, but never provided the money. Once the Board of Education provides the money a Traffic Signal will be installed. Mr. Orgera will follow up with the Board of Education and contact Mr. Gale after he does.
- Mr. Orgera asked Captain McElligott to use some enforcement in the area.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Captain Tom Wuennemann, seconded by Captain Brian McElligott to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Margarita Arenas  
June 27, 2014