

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014**

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

Guests: Giglia Hernandez – Procession Lord of Miracles

Fredy Cabello – Procession Lord of Miracles

Peter Wild – Race Against Lyme

Andrew Rogers – Cedar Heights – Road Sight Issues

Jerry Silber – Greenway Bike Ride & Complete Streets

Emily Provonsha – Greenway Bike Ride & Complete Streets

Meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. by Ernie Orgera, Chair.

Rev. Gustavo Falla – St. Benedict Church – Procession of the Lord of Miracles – Sunday, October 12, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – 450 Adults and 50 Children.

- Giglia Hernandez presenting for Rev. Gustavo Falla.
- Route is as follows:
 - Procession will leave St. Mary’s Church on Elm Street.
 - Continue on Shippan Avenue.
 - Left on Park Street.
 - Left on Frederick Street.

- Right on Cove Road.
- End at entrance of St. Benedict/Our Lady of Montserrat.

Motion was made by Sgt. Broems, seconded by Officer Skoumbros and passed unanimously to approve Procession of the Lord of Miracles on Sunday, October 12, 2014 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Jerry Silber – People Friendly Stamford (PFS) with Partners – Greenway Bike Ride & Rally – Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Set-Up Starts at 9:30 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 2:30 p.m. – 100/150 Adults.

- Emely Provonsha from the D.S.S.D. stated that the reason for this event is to promote the expansion of Mill River Greenway.
- Bike Ride and Rally will start at Scalzi Park, ride will have anywhere from 50 to 150 people. They are also expecting 50 extra people from Harbor Point to walk from where they live to Kosciuszko Park.
- They will stay on the right side of the road allowing all traffic to pass; they stop at all of the red lights. The ride will continue to Kosciuszko Park where they will have an informal reception with an acoustic band and food trucks. Mill River will have boards showing what the expansion of Mill River will look like.
- Ride will start at Scalzi Park. They will ride through Scalzi Park, through the greenway, they will not be on Washington Boulevard until south of I-95.
- Captain Wuennemann stated that there is a sidewalk missing on Broad Street and suggested that they make sure they come down the south side of Broad Street. Director Orgera asked Veera Karukonda to check with Lou Casolo to find out if there is a Street Use Permit for the work being done on Broad Street. If there is no sidewalk there, they have to make arrangements to either create a sidewalk or have a crossing well in advance.

Motion was made by Doug Hoyt, seconded by Paul Montanaro and passed unanimously to approve Greenway Bike Ride & Rally on Saturday, October 11, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Jerry Silber – Discussion Regarding “Complete Streets” Ordinance.

- Mr. Jerry Silber stated that the Traffic Committee of the Board of Representatives wanted him to discuss and review the concept of Complete Streets with the Traffic Advisory Committee.
- Over 500 cities in the US have passed Ordinances supporting Complete Streets, in 2012 there was 36% increase. Complete Streets are defined as roadways that are designed and operated to provide safe and convenient access to all users, including

pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users and motorists. The major motivation is to have streets that are safe and enjoyable for everybody so it improves lifestyle as well as safety and enjoyment.

- It is written in the regulations that a Complete Street Ordinance needs to be passed by the Board of Representatives, supported by the Administration, supported by the Police and the whole community. A Design Manual that provides guidelines should be developed.
- Ms. Provonsha suggested that the City look at different types of bike lanes.
- Ms. Provonsha stated that People Friendly Stamford and the D.S.S.D. support the Complete Streets Ordinance.

Motion was made by Veera Karukonda, seconded by Mani Poola and passed unanimously to accept Policy on Complete Streets.

Peter Wild – Lyme Research Alliance – Race Against Lyme – 5K Walk/Run – Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Set-Up Starts at 7:00 a.m. and Clean-Up Ends at 12:00 p.m. – 300 Adults and 100 Children.

- Run/Walk starts and finishes in Cove Island Park and then goes out onto the streets.
- Same route used in the past.
- Route is as follows:
 - One lap inside Cove Island Park.
 - Out to Weed Avenue.
 - Left on Matthews Street.
 - Left on Dora Street.
 - Left on Cove Road and back into the park.

Motion was made by Captain Bill Mullin, seconded by Captain Tom Wuennemann and passed unanimously to approve Race Against Lyme 5K Walk/Run on Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Cathy DeRose – Parking Issues on Willow Brook Avenue.

- Ms. Cathy DeRose did not attend the meeting.
- Director Orgera let the Committee know that this is a request about the parking on Willow Brook Avenue. Residents complained about the parking from the Chelsea Piers/NBC site. NBC is building a garage on site right now and it has displaced some of the parking, the employees were going out onto side streets to park. Director Orgera also got complaints from people on Blachley Road. Director Orgera

spoke to the owner of the property, he has cleared up Willow Brook Avenue and now he is working on clearing out Blachley Road. NBC is having their employees park in one of the garages in the downtown area and shuttling people over.

Andrew Rogers – Cedar Heights – Road Sight Issues.

- Mr. Andrew Rogers a resident of Cedar Heights Road explained to the Committee that he has a difficult driveway to get out of. Mr. Andrews would like some help from the Committee to come up with a way where he can get out of his driveway without causing an accident.
- Mr. Rogers is having all of his trees pulled back to be able to stop at the end of the driveway and see more clearly if cars are coming around.
- Director Orgera stated that Convex Mirrors are allowed. The mirror will have to be approved by the Traffic Division and it will be at Mr. Rogers' expense. Director Orgera will ask Mani Poola, Traffic Engineer to look at the area to see if something can be done to slow traffic.

New Business

Food Trucks Vending on the Street.

- Committee discussed the issue of Food Trucks parking and vending on the street. Captain Wuennemann stated that there are Food Trucks parked on Bedford Street where the vending window vends into the street.
- Captain Wuennemann suggested doing something to improve Vending Regulations. If you are not in a contained parking lot, your service window must be parallel to a curb or you cannot vend.
- Director Orgera asked Frank Fedeli to amend the permit process for Vending Trucks, and to send it to the Police Department and him for review. Trucks will not be allowed to vend anywhere but the curb side or a surface lot.
- Mr. Orgera will check with Corporation Council if Vending Trucks can be kept off the streets.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Captain Tom Wuennemann, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
September 4, 2014