

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2013**

In Attendance: Mani Poola
 Veera Karukonda
 Captain Bill Mullin
 Captain Thomas Wuennemann
 Officer Mike Skoumbros
 Doug Hoyt
 Thomas Turk
 Paul Montanaro
 Dan Colleluori
 Frank Fedeli

Guests: Virginia Peluso – RPPP for Fourth Street

 Kim Schenck – RPPP for St. George Avenue

 Rep. John Zelinsky – Hoyt Street and Morgan Street

 Stephen Rich – RPPP for Grandview Avenue

Meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by Captain Thomas Wuennemann.

Ernie Orgera did not attend the meeting.

Representative John Zelinsky – Right Turn Must Turn Right Regulation for Hoyt Street at Morgan Street.

- Representative Zelinsky stated that there is a problem in his district at the intersection of Hoyt Street and Morgan Street, right across from the Police Department. There is a Right Turn Only sign, which many people disregard by stopping and waiting until the light turns green and then going straight, causing the cars to back up and making it difficult for people from the Hoyt Street Apartment parking garage to get out.

- Representative Zelinsky suggested that rubber cones be used to block people from going straight, Representative Zelinsky saw this being used in either Norwalk or Greenwich. Mr. Poola stated that there is not enough room on the roadway to put the cones. Captain Wuennemann offered to have enforcement in the area. Representative Zelinsky requested that someone in the Traffic Engineering

Department contact the Town of Greenwich or the Town of Norwalk to find out the exact location where these cones are being used, and then Mr. Poola can look at it.

Virginia Peluso – Request for Residential Parking Permit Program for Fourth Street.

- Ms. Virginia Peluso stated her concern with the lack of parking on Fourth Street. The parking over the years has become progressively more difficult during the day. There are businesses on Summer Street and Bedford Street that have no parking or very minimum parking and those people park on Fourth Street. The owner of the commercial building right in front of Ms. Peluso's home has requested of their employees to park on the street. The employees come in at about 6:30 a.m. and do not leave until about 7:00/7:30 p.m.
- Ms. Peluso stated that she is afraid to leave her home during the day and not be able to find a parking spot when she gets back. Ms. Peluso feels that if the commercial building across from her residence allows their employees to use their parking lot it would help the situation.
- The Residential Parking Permit Program was explained to Ms. Peluso. After some discussion, Ms. Peluso suggested maybe having the program in just part of the street. Pros and cons were discussed.
- Another suggestion was to have the Residential Parking Permit Program on one side of the street only.
- Mr. Poola stated that the Director of Operations, who is the Legal Traffic and Parking Authority for the City of Stamford, has the authority to decide on the number of commercial parking passes on a Residential Parking Permit Program area.
- Captain Wuennemann will talk to the owner of the building across from Ms. Peluso's residence and will ask that his employees park in their parking lot instead of the street. They will try this solution for a month, if there is still a problem after a month, the Residential Parking Permit Program process will be started.

Stephen Rich – Request for Residential Parking Permit Program for Grandview Avenue.

- Mr. Stephen Rich is requesting Residential Parking Permit Program for Grandview Avenue because of the recent increase of street parking by non-residents and lack of available parking spots for residents and their guests.
- Mr. Rich has also noticed a number of out of state license plates.

- The congestion on a narrow street especially for school bus traffic from Hart and Cloonan is also a concern.
- Mr. Fedeli stated that somebody from the City has to establish that there is a problem in which people from another neighborhood are pushing people off the street. Once Traffic Engineering determines the need for Residential Parking Permit Program a survey will be mailed out.

Kimberly K. Schenck – Request for Residential Parking Permit Program for St. George Avenue.

- Ms. Kimberly Schenck stated that they are having parking issues across the entire neighborhood. Ms. Schenck believes this is due to the Stamford Hospital construction that is currently taking place.
- Ms. Schenck stated that neighbors from West North Street will be attending the next Traffic Advisory Committee meeting to request Residential Parking Permit Program as well.
- Mr. Poola asked Ms. Schenck to check with the Neighborhood Association and come back to the Traffic Advisory Committee with a request for Residential Parking Permit Program for the entire area, this way it can be done all at once.

Jerry Simon – Neighbor’s Action to Block Common Access Road.

- Mr. Simon did not attend the meeting. Committee discussed the issue and came to the conclusion that this is a private road and the Traffic Advisory Committee does not have any jurisdiction over private property.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Officer Mike Skoumbros, seconded by Doug Hoyt to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Margarita Arenas
December 4, 2013