

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2016

The Traffic Advisory Committee of the City of Stamford held its meeting on August 31, 2016 in the Safety Training Conference Room, Sixth Floor. Chairman Joshua Benson called the meeting to order at 10:38 A.M.

Present at the meeting were:

Chair, Joshua Benson
Robert Zaitooni
Sgt. Wayne Scutari
Dan Colleluori

Gary Peterson
Capt. Sue Bretthauer
Gennaro Catino
Frank Fedeli

Guests:

Jon Stellwagen – Half Full Brewery
Renee Dunn / Jon Stellwagen
Evan Carlso – Omnes, LLC
David Brand – 5th Street- Traffic Calming
Jessie Brand – 5th Street – Traffic Calming

Lorraine Olson – Sacred Heart Church
Daniel Goldstein – Omnes LLC
Joe Galasso- Omnes, LLC
Cara Gilbride, 5th Street – Traffic Calming
Joseph Corsello/Sacred Heart Church

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

Jon Stellwagen Hop Skip & 5K Run @ Harbor Point.

The Hop Skip & 5K Run was cancelled this year per Jon Stellwagen.

Lorraine Olson – UNICO / Sacred Heart RC Church - Columbus Day Parade.

Joseph Corsello appeared before the committee representing Lorraine Olson to request the committee to approve the Columbus Day Parade Event on Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – 1000 Participants.

- Route changed from last year:
 - Start on Schuyler Avenue @ Sacred Heart Church.
 - Turn right onto West Broad Street.
 - Cross Washington Blvd.
 - Turn right onto lower Summer Street.
 - Take a right to Columbus Park.

Motion was made by Capt. Bretthauer, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to amend and reflect the correct route for the Columbus Day Parade Event on Sunday, October 9, 2016. From 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – 1000 Participants.

ITEMS NOT ON CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Robert Zaitooni, seconded by Gary Peterson and passed unanimously to address two events that were not on the consent agenda (Jon Stellwagen - St. Jude Walk / Run.) And (Daniel Goldstein – Spartan Kids Race.)

Renee Dunn / John Stellwagen- St. Jude Walk / Run to End Childhood Cancer.

Jon Stellwagen appeared before the committee representing Renee Dunn to request the committee to approve the St. Jude Walk / Run Event held at Harbor Point on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – 800 Participants.

- Route:
 - Right onto Harbor Point Road.
 - Left onto Bateman Way.
 - right onto Dyke Lane.
 - Slight Right onto Elmcroft Road.
 - Slight Right onto Dyke Lane.
 - Left onto Bateman Way.
 - Right onto Harbor Point Road
 - Left onto Washington Boulevard.
 - Right onto Commons Park.
 - Left onto Walter Wheeler Drive.
 - Left onto Harbor Point Road.
 - Slight Right.
 - End of route.

David Goldstein – Omnes, LLC - Spartan Kids Race.

David Goldstein appeared before the committee to request approval for the Spartan Kids Race event, held at the Mill River Park on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – 5000 Participants

- Same route as last year:
- Request for a closure at the Dead End of Main Street with barricades to facilitate participants connecting between Mill River Park path and the bridge on Main Street.

As part of the consent agenda, a motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Robert Zaitooni and passed unanimously to approve the St. Jude Walk / Run Event on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – 800 Participants. And to approve the Spartan Kids Race event on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – 5000 Participants.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Geraldo Coelho- Target- Request for Valet Parking Service for New Steak house on Broad Street.

Robert Zaitooni conducted a traffic study to measure the volume of traffic on Broad Street in front of the new restaurant. And considering the high Average Daily Traffic conditions the

request for Valet Parking was denied. However, Mr. Zaitooni offered to work with the applicant to find an alternative solution.

David Brand / Cara Gilbride - Request for Traffic Calming Measures on 5th Street.

David Brand & Cara Gilbride appeared before the committee to request approval for Traffic Calming on 5th Street to address speeding issues.

Traffic Engineer, Robert Zaitooni conducted a detailed traffic study which surveyed various portions of fifth street from Strawberry Hill to Bedford Street.

Survey findings: Vehicles traveling westbound between Revonah Avenue and Bedford Street suggested 10 percent of the sample collected were speeding over 40 mph in the westbound direction and 85 percent of vehicles were speeding @ 34 mph in a 25- Miles-Per-Hour speed limit zone.

Solutions: (1) Install a radar sign on 5th Street, between Morgan St and Vincent Ct, traveling westbound from Strawberry Hill to alert, and communicate the posted speed & driving speed of the motorists. (2) Install a bump-out on the northwest corner of Revonah Avenue and Fifth Street to visibly narrow the roadway down for the driver. (3) Add white edge lines on Fifth Street in areas which are 36 to 37 feet wide to narrow the lanes down to 10 feet and continue to allow on-street parking. (4) Install a hardscape stamped concrete median choker in the vicinity of 88 and 90 Fifth Street; add signs to divert traffic and help motorists slow down.

David Brand indicated that notices were distributed to residents between Bedford Street and Revonah Avenue and that he held a meeting with approximately 65% of the neighbors to review the results of the study and the proposals

Captain Bretthauer specified that she has not received any complaints about issues on Fifth Street.

Rep. John Zelinsky voiced concerns regarding the traffic calming measures proposed by Traffic Engineer, Robert Zaitooni and stated that no one discussed the survey study or findings with him. Rep. Zelinsky recommended to place a 30-day hold on the implementation of the traffic calming solutions to make certain that all residents are well aware of the proposed traffic calming measures.

Mr. Brand expressed that he had filed several complaints on line but never received a response from the police department.

Mr. Zaitooni stated that he hand delivered a copy of the traffic study to the Board of Reps office as requested by Rep. John Zelinsky.

Dan Colleuori requested that Robert Zaitooni bring a summary of the 2008 Traffic Study to the next TAC Meeting.

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Robert Zaitooni and passed unanimously to hold the Traffic Calming Measures as requested by Rep. Zelinsky for 30 days until he has contacted the residents of Revonah Avenue to make sure that they are well aware of the traffic study and proposed solutions to resolve speeding on Fifth Street.

II. PENDING & MINUTES:

Motion was made by Capt. Bretthauer, seconded by Gary Peterson and unanimously passed to approve the minutes from July 27, 2016.

III. SIGNING PERMITS:

IV. INFORMATION ONLY:

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

As there were no further business, motion was made by Robert Zaitooni, seconded by Gary Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Crystal Mitchell
Sept 7, 2016