

## MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

The Traffic Advisory Committee of the City of Stamford held its meeting on December 2, 2015 in the Safety Training Conference Room, Sixth Floor. Chairman Joshua Benson called the meeting to order at 10:35 A.M.

Present at the meeting were:

Chair, Joshua Benson  
Ernie Orgera  
Captain Beth Erickson  
Captain Sue Bretthauer  
Captain Brian McElligott  
Sgt. Wayne Scutari  
Veera Karukonda  
Paul Montanaro

Fire Marshall Charles Spaulding  
Frank Fedeli  
Dan Colleluori  
Thomas Turk  
Gary Peterson  
Arnold Knittel  
Doug Hoyt  
Orazio Cirelli

Guests:

Rosanne Goodman- American Heart Assoc.  
Mike Anzalone – American Heart Assoc.  
Lisa Feinberg- Stamford Hospital  
David Sullivan- Stamford Hospital  
Michael Smeriglio – Stamford Hospital

Len D’Andrea- 163 Harvard & Brown Ave.  
Jon Wade- 163 Harvard & Brown Ave.  
Lou Cavaliere- Manhattan St. (Eversource)  
Stanley Hunter- Stamford Hospital  
Robert Koenig- Suffolk Construction

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### **II. A. Ms. Roseanne Goodman & Luis Rosa- The American Heart Association – 5K Run.**

Ms. Roseanne Goodman appeared before the committee to request approval for a 5K Run for Thursday, June 16, 2016 beginning at 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Further discussion of this topic was deferred to the next meeting. Ms. Goodman was also referred to meet with Captain Erickson; The Board of Education and the Mill River Collaborative to work out the details of the 5K Run / Route.

#### **II. B. Frank Fedeli-Memorial March Commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Mr. Frank Fedeli, appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the Memorial March Commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 18, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- Route:
  - Start at Bethel A.M.E. Church of Fairfield Avenue.
  - Right on Richmond Hill Avenue.
  - Left on Greenwich Avenue.

- Right on Tresser Blvd.
- Left on Atlantic Street.
- Bear left onto Main Street.
- Left on Washington Blvd.
- Right on Tresser Blvd.
- Proceed up West Main Street to Yerwood Center.

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Captain Erickson and passed unanimously to approve the MLK March on Monday, January 18, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**II. C. Lawanda Geter- Mission Street- Traffic & On-Street Parking issues.**

Ms. Geter was unable to attend the meeting- Item was deferred to a later date.

**II. D. Lisa Feinberg / Stamford Hospital – Removal of Parking on Finney Lane.**

Ms. Lisa Feinberg, Stamford Hospital, appeared before the committee to request consideration for enhancing emergency vehicle access to the new entrance on the southern side of the hospital campus by eliminating on-street parking on both sides of Finney Lane.

- The hospital created a community lot with 15 parking spaces which would be made available for residential parking from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Monday – Friday 5 days a week. And all day parking on weekends and holidays to off-set the removal of on-street parking on Finney Lane
- Michael Smeriglio referred to Stamford Hospital employee policy for available off-site leased parking spaces @ UConn which expires in April 2016.

Frank Fedeli recused himself from discussing and voting on this matter to prevent a conflict of interest.

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Fire Marshall Charles Spaulding and passed unanimously to approve the following recommendations from the Traffic Advisory Committee to eliminate parking on the east side of the street on Finney Lane while retaining parking on the west side and to have some quantity of designated spaces in the hospital community lot available at all times.

**II. D. Lisa Feinberg / Stamford Hospital - Traffic Improvements on West Broad Street @ Hubbard Avenue & Shelburne Road Intersections.**

Mr. David Sullivan appeared before the committee with Lisa Feinberg to request approval for a widening of West Broad street along the hospital property; installation of a new all-way STOP control at Rachelle and Shelburne and the modification of the all-way STOP control at Hubbard Avenue at the hospital driveway.

Motion was made by Captain McElligott, seconded by Captain Bretthauer and passed unanimously to endorse geometric changes. However, the all-way STOP at the intersection of Shelburne at West Broad Street cannot meet intersection control warrants based on projected

volumes, It will require further review once the hospital is fully operational and new volumes are collected.

**II. E. Len D 'Andrea / 163 Harvard Avenue & Brown House Road – Proposed Auto Dealership & Service Center.**

Len D'Andrea, appeared before the committee to request approval for offloading of automobiles from a carrier truck that would be positioned on the east side of Brown House Road and then transport automobiles around the corner to enter the property driveway on Harvard Avenue.

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to approve the offloading of automobiles via carrier on the east side of Brown Road and to transport the vehicles around the corner to enter the property on the west side of Harvard Avenue., with conditions: to revisit the item if there are any traffic issues at the site and that no vehicles are to be stored at Rosa Hartman Park.

**II.F. (Eversource) Karl Pestschauer & Lou Cavaliere - Lower Atlantic Street under MNRR**

Lou Cavaliere for Karl Pestschauer representing the Eversource Company; request approval to complete installation for new conduits and manholes on Manhattan Street and to temporarily close the street from Atlantic to Garden Street, so construction can progress unimpeded by vehicular traffic. Access to our Substation, 1 Dock Street and other business on Pacific Street, would remain open via Pacific Street.

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to approve the request to install new conduits and manholes on Manhattan Street and for temporarily street closures from Atlantic Street to Garden Street.

**II. G. Ernie Orgera – Discussion - Removal of Stop Sign on Fairfield Avenue Eastbound at Burwood Avenue.**

Director Orgera received a request from residents asking to remove the STOP sign for northbound Fairfield Avenue at Burwood Avenue because the control is unwarranted and because residents have experienced idling trucks with diesel engines are stopping at the intersection and spewing out exhaust which is harmful to the environment and health of the residents. The intersection was reviewed in the field by Director Orgera and Bureau Chief Benson and the determination was made that the STOP for the single direction of Fairfield Avenue is unwarranted. The traffic volume approaching from Burwood is de minimus and the sightlines are acceptable for a safe STOP on minor operation.

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Captain McElligott and passed unanimously to remove the northbound Stop Sign on Fairfield Avenue eastbound at Burwood Avenue to restore the intersection to STOP on minor operation.

## **ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA**

Motion was made by Director Orgera, seconded by Captain McElligott and passed unanimously to suspend the rules to address an issue that is not on the agenda. (Bob Koenig).

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

Bob Koenig, appeared before the committee to request the committee to consider approval for a logistic issue of trucking oversize construction materials to Stamford Hospital Integrated Care Building. Mr. Koenig suggested a route using Exit 8 to Elm Street. The committee recommended the following route.

#### **Route:**

- From I-95 South exit 7
- North State Street.
- To Washington Blvd.
- To West Broad Street.
- To Wright Street.

Motion was made by Director Orgera, seconded by Captain McElligott and passed unanimously to approve the delivery route to transport precast materials to Stamford Hospital Integrated Care Building using the above route provided the oversize trips are permitted as required by CT DOT.

## **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Revised Policy & Guidelines for No Truck Sign Installation.**

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Dan Colleuori and passed unanimously to approve the Revised Policy & Guidelines for No Truck Sign Installation and will be submitted to the Transportation Committee – Board of Representatives.

### **Revised Speed Hump Installation Policy.**

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Veera Karukonda and passed unanimously to approve the Revised Speed Hump Installation Policy. This policy will be submitted to the Transportation Committee – Board of Representatives.

## **IV. PENDING & MINUTES**

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Captain McElligott and unanimously passed to approve the minutes from October 28, 2015.

## **V. INFORMATIONAL ONLY:**

### **25 Bank Street- Partial Street Closures –Project on Hold Until April 2016**

Ernie Orgera recommended that the committee add the 25 Bank Street item to the next Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting and invite the DSSD and area businesses as well as encourage the construction manager to meet with the DSSD and area businesses prior to the TAC meeting.

**Maplewood & High Ridge Road- On Street Parking Issues:**

Captain Bretthauer requested that corner parking restriction signs to be posted on both sides of Maplewood Avenue due to on street parking issues.

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Doug Hoyt and passed unanimously to approve the installation of corner restriction signs posted on both sides of Maplewood.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Doug Hoyt to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted  
Crystal Mitchell  
December 10, 2015

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