

## **MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016**

The Traffic Advisory Committee of the City of Stamford held its meeting on January 27, 2016 in the Safety Training Conference Room, Sixth Floor. Chairman Joshua Benson called the meeting to order at 10:37 A.M.

Present at the meeting were:

Chair, Joshua Benson  
Ernie Orgera  
Captain Sue Bretthauer  
Doug Hoyt  
Sgt. Wayne Scutari

Fire Marshall Charles Spaulding  
Frank Fedeli  
Gary Peterson  
Orazio Cirelli  
Lou Casolo

Guests:

Michael Feighan – St. Patrick’s Day Parade  
Viki Zacharewicz – Hubbard Heights Assoc.  
Harvey Goodman- Hubbard Heights Assoc.  
Rebecca Shulman- MS Society Walk  
Tricia Lepore / Newfield – 5K Run / Walk  
William Buckley- BLT  
Stephen Salvatore- Park Square West

Rep. Rodney Pratt – Stillwater @ Fairfield  
Rep. John Zelinsky- Vincent Court  
Keely McMullin- March of Dimes  
Carla Catanzaro/ BLT- 5K Shamrock  
Scott Macey- Morganti (Park Square West)  
Joan Alsbaspow- Vincent Court

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

#### **Ms. Vicki Zacharewicz & Harvey Goodman – Hubbard Heights Association**

Ms. Zacharewicz appeared before the committee to express areas of concern about speeding, pedestrian safety and parking issues along Hubbard Avenue and at the corner of Hubbard Avenue and Bridge Street.

Chair, Joshua Benson, recommended to Ms. Zacharewicz to submit in writing a request to be placed on the agenda for the next TAC meeting via email and that further discussion of this topic must be deferred to the next Meeting.

### **II. NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, Seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to suspend the rules to change the order of the published agenda to move the items for Representative Rodney Pratt & Representative John Zelinsky to the beginning of the agenda.

### **Representative Rodney Pratt & Gabe Deluca- All Way Stop Sign**

Rep. Rodney Pratt appeared before the committee to request approval for an All-Way Stop Sign at the intersection of Fairfield and Stillwater Avenue due to visibility issues.

A field investigation was conducted by Joshua Benson on November 20, 2015:

- The visibility from northbound Fairfield Avenue to Stillwater Avenue was obscured.
- Approaching Traffic on westbound Stillwater Road is obscured by grade change, fence and retaining wall along the property line on the south side of Stillwater Road east of Fairfield Avenue.
- Approaching Traffic on eastbound Stillwater Road is obscured by double row of trees in south sidewalk of Stillwater Road
- Motorist on northbound Fairfield Avenue must encroach into the south crosswalk and the eastbound lane of travel in order to see approaching traffic on Stillwater Road.

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, Seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to install the All-Way Stop Sign at the intersection of Fairfield and Stillwater Avenue and to post advance signage before approaching the All-Way Stop Sign to provide for safe operation of the intersection given the visibility limitations noted.

### **Representative John Zelinsky - Residential Parking Permit Program for Vincent Court**

Rep. Zelinsky stated that Vincent Court is a small street with three homes. There are issues with excessive vehicle parking, in which vehicles are parked there at all hours of the day and night; people are making noise; leaving a lot of debris of garbage and prohibiting leaf pick up and snow removal. Rep. Zelinsky and constituents are requesting approval for the proposal of the Residential Parking Permit Program.

The committee informed Rep. Zelinsky & Joan Alsbaspow that the Residential Parking Permit Program is currently on hold and being reevaluated. An invitation was extended to Rep. Zelinsky to attend the RPPP reevaluation meeting on Monday, Feb 1, 2016 @ 11:00 a.m. located on 10<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Operation's Conference Room.

Ernie Orgera suggested that a field investigation be conducted of both Vincent Court and Vincent Avenue to check the width set for any violations.

Parking Enforcement unit agreed to monitor the location for parking violations to the existing regulations.

### **Michael Feighan - St. Patrick's Day Parade**

Mr. Michael Feighan, appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Set Up Starts at 12:00 p.m. and Clean- Up Ends at 4:00 p.m.

- There will be a route change this year.

- Parade will stage on Summer Street between North and Hoyt.
- Ernie Orgera will ask the developer of 184 Summer Street to remove the fence for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to open up lower Summer Street if it is still in place at the time of the parade.
- Capt. Bretthauer recommended that the parade return to the 12:00 p.m. start time because more traffic accumulates as the day progresses.
- Capt. Bretthauer stated that Mr. Feighan will have to hire more Police Officers.
  
- Route:
  - Start at North & Summer Street.
  - Straight thru lower Summer Street.
  - Left on Main Street.
  - Left on Atlantic Street.
  - Straight thru Bedford.
  - End at Latham Park.

Motion was made by Capt. Sue Bretthauer, seconded by Sgt. Wayne Scutari and passed unanimously to approve the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

#### **Rebecca Shulman – The National MS Society- Walkathon.**

Ms. Rebecca Shulman appeared before the committee to request approval for a Walkathon on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- **The MS Walkathon Route Has Been Changed And The Event Will Be Held Within Cove Island Park.**

The committee informed Ms. Shulman that since the route has changed and the event is being held within Cove Island Park and not on city streets, the event does not require TAC approval. However, approval from Parks and Recreation commission is required in order to hold the MS Walkathon event within the Cove Island Park.

#### **Aimee Elsner – Newfield Elementary School- 5K Run / Walkathon**

Tricia Lepore appeared before the committee representing Aimee Elsner, Newfield PFO, to request the committee to approve the 5K Run / Walkathon on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

- **Manual Traffic Control Will Be Needed- Three Police Officers and One Supervisor Will Be Hired.**
- Route:
  - Start at Newfield Elementary School.
  - Left onto Pepper Ridge Road.
  - Right onto Crestwood Drive.
  - Left onto Dannell Drive.
  - Right onto Woods End Road.
  - Right onto Berrian Road.

- Left onto Idlewood Drive.
- Right onto Robinson Drive.
- Right back onto Pepper Ridge Road.
- They will do two laps.

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Gary Peterson and passed unanimously to approve Newfield PFO 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Keely McMullin -March of Dimes CT. Chapter ( March for Babies –Walkathon)**

Ms. Keely McMullin appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the March for Babies Walkathon on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- Route:
  - The walk will start in Cove Island Park in front of Cove Island Pavilion.
  - Exit the park and turn right onto Weed Avenue and stay on sidewalk.
  - Follow Weed Ave. to Intersection of Mathews Street. Cross Weed Ave to take a left onto Mathews St.
  - Follow Mathews St. one block to Cambridge Road and turn left onto Cambridge Rd.
  - Follow Cambridge Road to end and take a right onto Neponsit Street for one block, then turn left on Island Heights Drive.
  - Turn right, then left to stay on Island Heights Drive.
  - At Cove Road, cross the street and turn left. Follow sidewalk until you reach the crossing path and end walk in front of the Cove Island Pavilion.
  
- **Manual Traffic Control Will Be Needed – Three Police Officers And One Supervisor Will Be Hired.**

Motion was made by Doug Hoyt seconded by Ernie Orgera and passed unanimously to approve the Walkathon on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Carla Cantanzaro BLT/ Harbor Point- 5K Shamrock Stroll Walkathon**

Bill Buckley appeared before the committee representing Carla Cantanzaro to request approval for the 5K Shamrock Stroll Walkathon on Sunday, March 13, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Set – Up Starts @ 7:00 a.m. and Clean –Up Ends at 10:30 a.m.

**THE DATE AND TIME OF THE EVENT WAS CHANGED: TO SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Set – Up Starts @ 8:00 a.m. and Clean – Up Ends at 12:00 p.m.**

- Route:
  - Start at Harbor Point Road
  - Exit Harbor Point Road by taking a left on Washington Blvd.
  - Take immediate left (in between buildings, after Exhale Spa).
  - Proceed down street, around circle, up the steps onto boardwalk.
  - Follow boardwalk to end and make left through Coastal Gardens loop
  - Take right on Pacific Street.

- Take right on Washington Blvd.
- Loop it again and end at Commons Park.

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Capt. Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve the event inclusive of the changes to the date and time of the 5K Shamrock Stroll Walkathon on Saturday, March 12, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

#### **Aleksandra Moch- Webb Avenue.**

Further discussion of this topic was deferred to the February 24th, 2016 Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting.

#### **Scott Macey/ Morganti Group, Inc.- Phase 4 of Park Square West.**

Scott Macy, Morganti Group, appeared before the committee to request the committee to consider approval to break down the lane on Washington Blvd and set up a sidewalk shed for pedestrian safety to allow for the delivery of materials to the construction site. The total duration of the project is twenty-two months.

The committee informed Mr. Macey that he must obtain approval from the State before any work can be performed in the City's right of way and he has to contact the City of Stamford Engineering & Building Department to obtain the proper permits before proceeding with the lane closures and set-up of the sidewalk shed along Washington Blvd.

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Frank Fedeli and passed unanimously to approve the lane closures and the set-up of the sidewalk shed at Washington Blvd, contingent upon obtaining the proper permits from the State and the City of Stamford.

#### **William Buckley- BLT/ Harbor Point (Parcel C-8) Pedestrian Detour Plan**

William Buckley, BLT, appeared before the committee to request the committee to consider approval for the Pedestrian Sidewalk Detour Plan (Parcel C-8) to have the pedestrians stay on the east side of Washington Boulevard and install jersey barriers along with a ramp so that it is ADA compliant.

- The Sidewalks on Walter Wheeler will remain open for pedestrian access.
- The Tower Crane will pick from North Commons Road. (North Commons is currently closed, gated and fenced.)
- Project will start before the end of February 2016 for a duration of (18) months.

Motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Fire Marshall Charles Spaulding and passed unanimously to approve the proposed Pedestrian Sidewalk Detour Plan (Parcel C-8).

#### **ITEM HEARD UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES: 1/27/2016**

Motion was made by Director Orgera, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to suspend the rules to address an issue that is not on the agenda.

## **Joe Orlando / AP Construction- Modify Existing Site Logistic Plan for Atlantic Street**

Joe Orlando appeared before the committee to request the committee to consider approval to modify the site logistic plan for use of Atlantic Street to set up a crane and as a loading zone for the construction of the Metro Green Phase III Project.

AP Construction attempted to accommodate a pedestrian bridge or sidewalk shed on the west side of Atlantic Street but could not find a crane capable of fitting into the footprint without having to restripe the middle lane or lose the existing bike lane. Mr. Orlando is requesting permission to instead close sidewalk along the site and route pedestrians via the existing crosswalks at the north and south side of the site. AP construction will install signage at the perimeter of the job site on the north and south end to instruct pedestrians to cross where they are rather than proceed up the sidewalk approaching the construction job site.

- Ernie Orgera suggested that AP Construction maintain the following:
  - Bi-directional traffic.
  - A few parking spaces on the south side of the project.

Motion was made by Director Orgera, seconded by Captain Sue Bretthauer and passed unanimously to approve the closure of the Atlantic Street sidewalk along the site and to route pedestrians via the existing crosswalks at the north and south side of the site, maintain bi-directional traffic and a few parking spaces on the south side of the project.

### **III. OLD BUSINESS:**

There is no old business to discuss at this time

### **IV. PENDING & MINUTES**

Motion was made by Ernie Orgera, seconded by Captain Bretthauer and unanimously passed to approve the minutes from December 2 2015.

As there were no further business, motion was made by Frank Fedeli, seconded by Doug Hoyt to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted  
Crystal Mitchell  
Feb 05, 2016