

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

The Traffic Advisory Committee of the City of Stamford held its meeting on September 28, 2016 in the Safety Training Conference Room, Sixth Floor. Chairman Joshua Benson called the meeting to order at 10:32 A.M.

Present at the meeting were:

Chair, Joshua Benson
Robert Zaitooni
Sgt. Kelly Connelly
Dan Colleluori
Orazio Cirelli
Paul Montanaro
Arnold Knittel

Gary Peterson
Capt. Sue Bretthauer
Gennaro Catino
Thomas Turk
Fire Marshal, Charles Spaulding
Ernie Orgera

Guests:

Jon Stellwagen – YMCA
Rich Baber – RF Youth Boxing Inc.
Ruby Shankar – 5th Street
Hattie Firlik – Harbor Point / BLT
Stefania Canneto/St. Benedict Church
Judy Shapiro- The Friendship Circle

Cara Gilbride, 5th Street
Jay Shankar – 5th Street
David Brand – 5th Street
Jessie Brand – 5th Street
Rep. John Zelinsky – 5th Street
Lenore Fogel – The Friendship Circle

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made by Robert Zaitooni, Seconded by Gary Peterson and passed unanimously to suspend the rules to change the order of the published agenda to move the items for Representative John Zelinsky to the beginning of the agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA:

David Brand – Request for Traffic Calming Measures on 5th Street.

Mr. Brand presented a petition for the proposed improvements for the residents on 5th Street and requested Mr. Zaitooni to describe the proposed improvements.

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

Mr. Zaitooni recommended the following modifications based on survey findings of vehicles traveling westbound between Revonda Avenue and Bedford Street which 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.

- (1) Install a radar interactive 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 slightly raised bump-out made of thermoplastic or pavement imprints on the northwest corner of Revonda Avenue and Fifth Street to visibly narrow the roadway down for the driver.
- (3) Add 4 - inch 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 15 foot long and 4 to 5 inches wide, slightly raised thermoplastic or pavement imprint median choker with stanchions in both directions in the vicinity of 85 to 88 Fifth Street to divert traffic and help motorists slow down as the double yellow approaches.

Representative John Zelinsky contacted constituents on Fifth & Morgan Street and informed the committee that there were individuals who indicated that they had not heard from Mr. Brand concerning the proposed Traffic Calming Measures and was in favor of only two of Mr. Zaitooni recommendations. (1) Add 4-inch white edge lines on Fifth Street (2) Install a radar interactive sign on 5th Street, between Morgan and Vincent Street.

Motion was made by Tom Turk, seconded by Orazio Cirelli, (6) in favor, (2) opposed (1) abstention. The motion was passed to execute the Traffic Calming recommendations presented by Robert Zaitooni to address the speeding issues on 5th Street.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Jodi Shapiro / Lenore Fogel – The Friendship Circle – Friendship Day Walk.

Jodi Shapiro / Lenore Fogel appeared before the committee representing Chana Hellinger to request the committee to approve the Friendship Day Walk Event on Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – 300 Participants.

- Route:
 - Walk starts on building grounds at 770 High Ridge Road.
 - Go thru a backyard to Hartswood Road.
 - Right on Beechwood Road.
 - Right onto Crystal Lake.
 - Turn left onto Ashton Road.
 - Take another left then follow the road back to Beechwood Road.

Motion was made by Robert Zaitooni, seconded by Thomas Turk and passed unanimously to approve the Friendship Day Walk on Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Stefania Canneto – St. Benedict Church- Procession of the Lord of Miracles.

Stefania Canneto appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the Procession of the Lord of Miracles event on Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – 500 Participants.

- Route:
 - 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 Robert Zaitooni and seconded by Thomas Turk and passed unanimously to approve the Procession of the Lord Miracles Event on Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Rich Barber – RF Youth Boxing - Stamford Stand Up For Youth 5K Run / 1.5 Mile Walk.

Rich Barber appeared before the committee representing Tiffany Saunders to request the committee to approve the RF Youth Boxing 5K Run / 1.5 Mile Walk Event on October 22, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

- Route:
 - Start at the arch on Harbor Point Road.
 - Right onto Walter Wheeler
 - Right onto Commons Park South.
 - Right onto Washington Blvd.
 - Left onto Atlantic
 - Down the steps, onto the boardwalk.
 - Slight Left onto Pacific.
 - Straight onto Bateman Way.
 - Right onto Dyke Lane.
 - Right onto Elmcroft.
 - Enter Kosciuszko Park, run a clockwise loop on the park path.
 - Left onto Elmcroft.
 - Left onto Dyke Lane.
 - Left onto Bateman Way.
 - Right onto Harbor Point Rd.
 - Right onto Pacific.
 - Left onto Walter Wheeler.
 - Left onto Washington.
 - Left onto Commons Park South
 - Left around the fountain on the sidewalk to the finish.

Motion was made by Robert Zaitooni, seconded by Thomas Turk and passed unanimously to approve the Stamford Stand Up For Youth 5K Run / 1.5 Mile Walk Event on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Jillian Douglass – Leukemia & Lymphoma Society- Fairfield County Light the Night Walk

Jillian Douglass appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the Fairfield County Light the Night Walk Event on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 1500 Participants.

- Capt. Sue Bretthauer, recommended to Ms. Douglass to contact the Fire Department regarding a permit for the fireworks.
- Route:

- Start at Harbor Point Commons Park heading NE on Commons Park South.
- Left onto Walter Wheeler Drive.
- Right onto Pacific Street
- Left on Dyke Lane.
- Right on Bateman Way.
- Slight Right back onto Pacific Street.
- When you get to the corner make left onto the boardwalk.
- End at the plaza in front of World of Beer @ 15 Harbor Point Rd.

Motion was made by Robert Zaitooni, seconded by Thomas Turk and passed unanimously for the Fairfield County Light the Night Walk Event on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Carla Catanzaro – Harbor Point / BLT – 6th Annual 5K Turkey Trot Race

Hattie Firlik appeared before the committee representing Carla Catanzaro to request the committee to approve the 6th Annual Turkey Trot Race Event on Thursday, November 24, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. – 500 participants.

Motion was made by Robert Zaitooni, and seconded by Thomas Turk and passed unanimously to approve the 6th Annual Turkey Trot Race Event on Thursday, November 24, 2016 contingent upon obtaining approval from the Parks & Recreation Committee to utilize Kosciuszko Park.

REGULAR AGENDA:

John Stellwgen- YMCA- Monster Dash 5K and 1 Mile Family Fun Run.

John Stellwagen appeared before the committee to request the committee to approve the Monster Dash 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Fun Run Event on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. – 300 Participants.

- Requests:
 - (4) Police officers and (1) Supervisor will be hired.
 - Request for (1) lane closure on Washington Blvd from West Park Place to Main Street.
 - Event time modified from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Robert Zaitooni, seconded by Thomas Turk and passed unanimously to approve the Monster Dash 5K Run Event on Saturday, October 29, 2016. Contingent upon obtaining the proper permits from State DOT and the City of Stamford.

II. PENDING & MINUTES:

Motion was made by Fire Chief, Spaulding, seconded by Gary Peterson and unanimously passed to approve the minutes from August 31, 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 11:22 a.m. and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted
Crystal Mitchell
September 29, 2016

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