

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council chambers, second floor City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, August 24, 2020**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members present: Maurice Olivier (Chair), Dennis Munson, Susan Tremblay, Elizabeth Goldman, Dennis Ciotti (City Council Rep.), Marn Speidel (Police), Dave White (Community Services), Chris Parker (Planning), Michael Williams (COAST), Peter Schmidt (Alternate)

Members Not Present (excused): Dustin Gray (Alternate)

Members Not Present (un-excused): None

1. Roll Call

Olivier called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Old Business

A. Review/Approval of Minutes from June 29, 2020

Motion: Parker moved, Munson seconded, **to approve.** Tremblay proposed an amendment to correct the roll call record to reflect that Tremblay was present. Speidel noted this as scrivener's error.

Vote: Motion passed 9-0 as amended.

3. New Business

A. Preble Street traffic concern

George Stergiou 15 Preble Street discussed the nature of the street and a concern with site distance looking southbound on Central Avenue, as you pull out of Preble Street. Believes there is an impairment due to parking. Discussion ensued regarding the role of the TAC vs Parking Commission. Parker made a motion to remove the parking space just south of Preble Street on Central Avenue. Discussion ensued regarding was one space enough. Speidel noted that a cautious approach should be taken due to urban location and scarcity of parking. Stergiou agreed. White noted that he would like to see accident data to support the request.

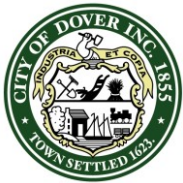
Motion: Parker moved, Goldman seconded, **to remove the first parking space on the easterly side of Central just south of Preble.**

Vote: Motion passed 8-1 (White opposed).

B. Lower Central Avenue roadway improvements project – staff overview and discussion

Speidel and Parker gave an overview of the project and requested initial thoughts by Commissioners on issues they'd like to see addressed in the design. Discussion ensued.

Tremblay noted importance of bicycle provisions. Goldman noted street trees, specifically the species to select and comparison with other areas of the City. Williams noted bus stops and accessibility. Williams also noted crosswalks – at Union Street and at Stark Avenue – should be part of the conversation. Speidel noted there is also a crosswalk at the Parish of the Assumption church.



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C. Proposed parking restriction – Charles Street at Mill Street

Speidel gave overview and noted that this will formalize a restriction that has historically always been in place with a yellow line across from the City's sewer pump station, to maintain sight distance for this intersection where Charles and Mill Street intersect at an acute angle. This will also Parker asked whether allowing a single parking space here could work. Speidel noted it was necessary for traffic flow to be maintained while City staff perform maintenance at the Charles Street sewer pump station.

Motion: Speidel moved, Parker seconded, **to restrict parking on the westerly side of Charles Street for a distance of 70 feet from Mill Street, encompassing the side of the traffic island.**

Vote: Motion passed 9-0.

D. Staff updated on traffic impacts from other road construction projects (Broadway RR culvert soil staging plan, Washington and Main Streets water line replacement)

White gave overview of Broadway culvert drainage project. Noted that with soil staging and expansion of parking area at Reds Shoe Barn to replace temporary loss during construction, Broadway would need to be restricted to a single lane. Police and Engineering concurred that this would be better accomplished with a temporary traffic signal for the three or four months, rather than a one-way traffic pattern.

Speidel gave overview of the Washington/Main water line replacement project, which is said to be imminent and presently out for bid. This will have traffic and parking implications along Main Street north of Portland Avenue and extending to Broadway. The contractor will be required to keep at least a single travel lane available. The City will work to alert the public and businesses to these changes.

3. Citizens Forum

No other citizens were present.

4. Member Comments

Parker reviewed upcoming CIP roadway projects. Nothing new to report on the Complete Streets project but City will be looking to finish roadway reconstruction projects.

Ciotti brought attention to the location of the bus stop on Central northbound at Preble. Discussion ensued. Williams stated that COAST would review and look at relocation.

5. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, at 6:00 pm in the council chambers.

6. Adjournment

Motion: Schmidt moved, Munson seconded, **to adjourn** at 6:59 pm.

Vote: Motion passed 9-0.