

Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting Notes from November 26, 2007 Meeting 7:00PM McConnell Center Meeting Rm. 2

Members present: Chair Jason Hindle, Glenn Grasso, Ed Wentworth, John Scruton, Dave White, Marn Speidel, Bruce Woodruff. Others present: Ray Bardwell

Meeting began at 7:02pm.

1. Meeting Notes from the August 27, 2007 meeting were approved with a motion from Grasso, second from Wentworth. Vote U/A

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Main Street Parking was given by Woodruff. Status of consultant review of conditions, alternatives and recommendations were discussed. White recommended going back to the no parking space configuration since the City is not pressing forward with the Rizzo changes at this time, however, White would like to retain the three lane configuration out there currently. Woodruff recommends the original four lane configuration, but with lane width reduction and optimization in lane markings to channelize the traffic starting farther back from the Main/Chapel intersection. After discussion of this, Wentworth moved to return to the original four lane, but optimized configuration to be done in the Spring. Grasso seconded. Vote U/A.
2. Update on the E-911 street name change process was given by Planning. A future TAC meeting, most likely in early 2008, will be needed for a couple of streets that needed further public comment and consideration. Other streets name changes will be sent to the Council next year in resolution form.
3. Woodruff gave the TAC an update on the status/progress of the Parking Garage Study being done by Lansing-Melbourne Associates. A draft final study is due by mid December. TAC members will be given copies of the draft at the next meeting. Speidel expressed support for the recommendation in the draft to go to a new parking management system. The recommended residential on-street permit parking (RPP) system was discussed. Grasso asked how it works. Speidel explained system (around High School neighborhoods). Discussion ensued. A new RPP for Henry Law was discussed as a pilot program (**this is new business #2.**) There should be 2 or 3 hour parking restrictions done first, then the RPP legislation should be done next. How long should the pilot program last? It could be a six month program, reviewed by TAC, who would decide whether to curtail it or let it continue. This idea was moved by Grasso, seconded by Wentworth. No vote was taken. A motion to table was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Baker Street Parking Issue. Speidel explained that vehicles may park on both sides of the street at a choke point currently, and that fire and emergency large vehicles cannot make it through. This is a proposal to restrict parking on street between house 34 and 22 Baker for 150 ft. Mrs. Forbes, owner of 26 Baker, spoke about convenience factor, but does recognize the narrowness of the road and the need for safety because even cars can't get through if parking is on both sides there. Discussion ensued. City staff support restricting

parking on one side from East Concord to Everett street on the south side. Grasso moved to recommend as stated. Wentworth seconded. Vote 3-1 in favor. Motion passes. Hindle indicated resolution should have Mayor sponsor by request because he was leaving Council.

2. See old business #3 above.
3. Orchard Street lot permit parking enforcement. Speidel spoke about amending the policy or providing more enforcement or a dedicated bank of spaces for the issue some residents have with regard to this parking lot. Chair Hindle asked if the resident(s) should be invited to come to the TAC and speak to their issues? The answer was yes; therefore this item was tabled until said resident(s) can attend.
4. Crosswalk review for Asia Restaurant and Third Street. It was the consensus of the TAC after discussion to leave the existing crosswalk and recommend funding a new sidewalk along Third Street on the north side. Moved by Wentworth, seconded by Grasso. Vote U/A.
5. Chair leaving. Chair Hindle spoke on his leaving the Council and the TAC. He said it was an honor and a privilege to serve; he was most proud of working with neighborhoods and the public to help solve transportation issues. He believed it was a new paradigm for Dover. The past eight years have been very productive. He indicated he had enjoyed working with the all the TAC members. Wentworth commended the Chair and moved a vote of thanks which was seconded and voted so unanimously.
6. Hindle spoke about the recommended process for future ordinances and issues after he is gone.

The next meeting will be on January 28, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Meeting notes prepared by Bruce Woodruff.