



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: AUDITORIUM, 2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL
Meeting Date: **Monday, November 17, 2008**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

TAC Meeting Minutes – DRAFT VERSION November 17, 2008

Meeting called to order by Chair, Glenn Grasso at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glenn Grasso, Peter Schmidt-COAST, John Scruton, Dennis Munson, Marn Speidel-Police, Ed Wentworth, David White-Community Services, Councilwoman Karen Weston, Bruce Woodruff –Planning.

Other Staff Present: Michael Joyal, City Manager

Citizen's Present: Mr. & Mrs. Hannon, 145 Henry Law Avenue.

CITY ATTORNEY DISCUSSION ON REASONABLE USE POLICY

The City Attorney had a conflict and could not attend – The item should be moved to Old Business and scheduled with the Attorney.

OLD BUSINESS

Review/Approval of October 6, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Marn Speidel truck route changes – reword this section – (confirmed by Board) Additional discussion on items.

Motion: To accept by Karen Weston and Seconded by Dennis Munson

Status update on parking pay stations- pay stations request for proposals committee Bruce Woodruff spoke on what the city plans to do and how have received several proposals for parking meter ideas --- to be narrowed down to four, hopefully, to three.

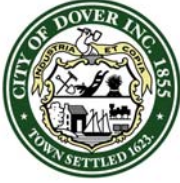
NEW BUSINESS:

Mid-block crosswalk request from resident on Court Street at Union Intersection

Marn Speidel spoke on this. If TAC wants to investigate further, we can do so. Bruce Woodruff explained that this is not a good idea because this intersection needs a great deal of work. John Scruton is concerned that the people who requested this, need to be informed to why it is not a good idea. Glenn Grasso would like to get two motions on this.

Motion to deny: by Bruce Woodruff and seconded by Peter Schmidt.
All in favor.

Peter Schmidt would like to have speed limit signs and dangerous intersection sign. Marn spoke that signage doesn't work as well as people believe it does. Bruce Woodruff



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suggested that maybe the City staff should go look at this area. Glenn Grasso thinks that a police car parking in the area might work.

Upper Henry Law Avenue on-street parking request due to changes from reconstruction project.

Bob and Betty Hannon, residents of Henry Law, inquired as to why there is no parking on both sides of the road in front of their home? Dave White presented the City's view of Henry law Ave Parking. Bruce Woodruff added additional information. The Hannon's do not feel it is fair to stop the parking in this area. Mr. Joyal added that a normal road is twenty-eight feet wide. This is what came about from all the public meetings and planning that went on. The road has been built, now there isn't enough room for on street parking.

The City knew there would be concerns from some citizens, but the legal issues are important for the City to follow. Marn Spiedel will talk on the City plans to maybe let parking on the North side of the street in the Hannon's area – this might work. John Scruton added that the City should not be changing any of these streets. Peter Schmidt wants to work out something to help the Hannon's. He suggested the possibility of short-term parking. Glenn Grasso inquired as to why the Hannon's didn't inquire earlier? Mr. Hannon stated that he has spoken of this issue in the past. Glenn Grasso ask if the Hannon's were in fact invited to the public hearing and why TAC is always put in the middle of all these issues when people are upset about some of the City's plans. He asked why is this just coming to light. He feels we need to really look at this idea. He further suggested that maybe we the TAC should go look at this area and then make a recommendation. Motion made by Peter Schmidt to have TAC do a site walk. Seconded by Dennis Munson.

Marn Speidel stated that perhaps removal of no parking signs could be done for now, that the no parking signs are not enforceable as of yet.
Motion made – VOTE 8-1; Marn Speidel against.
Date for site walk, Monday, November 24th at 4:00 p.m.

John Scruton wants to do something about the sidewalk that stops in front of the Browning Street entrance.

Motion made by John – we need more information on this (during next phase of construction, the sidewalk will be continued) let's look at this when we do the site walk.
VOTE: 4-2; John Scruton in favor; Against, Dennis Munson and Marn Speidel.

MEMBERS COMMENTS:



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Councilwoman Weston presented a request for crosswalk at Nelson Street South. City comment – this has been discussed and decided by the TAC before – City crosswalk team prepared an analysis at three locations along that stretch. Results show that there is no place for a safe crosswalk area. Marn Speidel stated that maybe put this request on next month's agenda. Discussion of group in favor of not adding this item to a future agenda.

Councilwoman Weston also presented request on petition she received that is in favor the Sixth Street Truck Route.

Bruce Woodruff added that the fast transit loop is starting-up on December 1, 2008.

David White introduced the new City Engineer, Ben Clark, to board members.

Ed Wentworth inquired as to what is going on with the transportation center and stated that we need to get someone in there.

Glenn Grasso thanked everyone for their work completed on the truck route.

NEXT MEETING

December 15, 2008

ADJOURN

Motion made by Dennis Munson to adjourn meeting; Seconded by Glenn Grasso. (Dennis made mention that he does not receive meeting notes). Vote U/A