



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: AUDITORIUM, 2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL
Meeting Date: **Monday, September 22, 2008**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

1. ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Glenn Grasso at 7:00 P.M.

Member(s) present: Glenn Grasso (Chair), Sgt. Marn Speidel (Police), David White (Community Services), Bruce Woodruff (Planning), Councilor Karen Weston, John Scruton, Ed Wentworth, Peter Schmidt

Member(s) absent: Dennis Munson

2. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Two residents of Locust Street expressed concerns regarding truck traffic.

Five residents of Morrison Lane expressed concerns regarding parked vehicles obstructing view to the left from intersection of Morrison Lane and Washington Street.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Traffic Calming Subcommittee

John Scruton gave overview of his ongoing efforts to incorporate traffic calming measures into City engineering policy.

B. Downtown Parking Facility Ad-Hoc Finance Feasibility Committee

Peter Schmidt and Bruce Woodruff gave update on the committee's Downtown Parking Facility and System Report to be soon presented to the City Council. Overview of report and public comment session will be held at City Council workshop session on October 15.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review/Approval of August 25, 2008 Minutes

Some amendments were made pursuant to committee discussion. Amended minutes approved by unanimous vote.

B. City-wide Truck Route draft ordinance public info forum results discussion

Lengthy discussion and debate among members of the committee, centering on topics and questions posed at the September 15 public comment session.

Discussion of formatting issues and whether specific Truck Routes (not State-maintained roadways) would be listed in the ordinance or whether this list would be kept separately as a published list in the Office of City Manager, City Clerk, and Police Department. Update from Councilor Weston on the progress



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of Council action relative to the first draft of the ordinance. Additional staff work on the ordinance language is pending and the final version will be presented to TAC at October 6 meeting, and to Council at its October 8 meeting.

C. Washington St. @ Morrison Ln. parking issue-staff update/discussion

City staff presented overview of its recent site evaluation. Representatives of Police (Speidel), Planning (Woodruff) and City Engineer (White) performed site review to evaluate public safety implications caused by parked vehicles to the west of Morrison Lane, in front of #332 Washington Street. The committee reviewed photographs taken by City staff. Speidel described informal meeting with property owner at #332 Washington Street and the property owner's concession to have his employees try to fit their vehicles within the driveway or park in an alternate location. Morrison Lane resident engaged in discussion and there was testimony that parked vehicles occasionally remained there even after the staff's site review. Dave White and Marn Speidel gave overview of AASHTO sight distance standards and how they relate to this intersection.

Speidel advised that any posted parking restriction beyond 20' from the intersection would need to be backed by ordinance. Speidel presented the city staff recommendation, which is for a formal parking restriction on Washington Street, to the west of Morrison Lane, for a distance of 150'. Motion made and seconded, motion to recommend this parking restriction passed 8-0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fourth & Chestnut Intersection sight distance issue-discussion

This issue was tabled for further staff review, to be added to agenda of next meeting. Motion passed 8-0.

B. Henry Law @ George Street – 3-way stop Request

Speidel described the recently imposed three-way stop at the intersection of Henry Law and George Streets, following the reconfiguration of Henry Law to one-way. This temporary regulation was made by authority of the Chief of Police per Chapter 166-3B. Speidel recommended a formal action by the committee to add this regulation to the proper schedule in City Code. Discussion by committee.



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Motion: to implement a three-way stop at Henry Law and George. Motion failed 3-4, with the three city staff members voting in the minority and Scruton abstaining. Glenn Grasso suggested that the issue be tabled to a later meeting in 2009 to allow additional time for review.

C. Staff request for recommendation for amending Chapter 166 to restrict parking on Henry Law west side (Central Ave side) from Browning to George because of road reconstruction project reconfiguration.

Dave White recommended that parking restriction on west/south side of Henry Law (the Central Avenue side) be formally adopted from the intersection of George to Browning. White and Woodruff gave overview of reconstruction project and described previous neighborhood meetings where residents had provided input on the project.

Motion: to adopt formal parking restriction on south side of Henry Law, from George to Browning. Motion passed 6-1 (Grasso opposed, Scruton abstained).

D. Crosswalk/school route pedestrian concern, Woodman Park School neighborhood-refer to attached letter and map-staff update & discussion

Motion made to table to next meeting. Motion passed 8-0.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS

Councilor Weston asked for future agenda item to include crosswalk request at Chestnut and Fifth Streets. She also asked for further staff review of crosswalk on Central Avenue near Central Towers.

7. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting is scheduled for October 27, but due in part to Truck Route ordinance timing, the October meeting was moved ahead to October 6.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.