



**CITY OF DOVER**

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: FINANCE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM,  
(TOP FLOOR, CITY HALL)  
Meeting Date: **Monday, April 27, 2009**  
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

### **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Councilor Weston at 7:02 P.M.

Member(s): present: Councilor Weston (Chair), Ed Wentworth (Vice Chair), Marn Speidel (Police), Ben Clark (Community Services), Sharon Reynolds, Dennis Munson (Secretary).

Member(s): absent: Bruce Woodruff (Planning), Peter Schmidt (COAST).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Review/Approval of meeting minutes from March 30, 2009 workshop session and March 30, 2009 regular meeting.**

No amendments suggested. Motion made by Wentworth to approve, seconded by Munson. All in favor. Note: Reynolds will need to have all information on crosswalks forwarded to her in order to review in order for her to understand issues.

#### **Central Avenue @ Chestnut Street – Parking Concern.**

Concerned citizen Art Golden spoke of visual problems with this intersection. Marn Speidel spoke about the way the City is looking at dealing with this issue. Speidel referenced to letter received from Boc Law Firm, stating that they do not wish to have any parking spaces removed from this area. Wentworth motioned to leave number of parking spaces as they currently are. Seconded by Munson. All in favor.

**Spruce Lane School Bus Concern (from Planning Board).** Speidel motioned to move New Business Item #D to next item. All in favor. He further stated the results of Planning Board Meeting and how the Portsmouth Christian Academy is facing issue of having buses traveling down Spruce Lane (This is not allowed by City). Brian Bell, Headmaster, stated how he is doing all they can to address this issue. Councilor Weston addressed the City's way of helping out. Speidel added that Dover School District buses use this route as well. He suggested posting signs for P.C.A. buses to follow. This would be a difficult issue to enforce whereas there is no law or ordinance for this. Speidel motioned to have City staff install signs for P.C.A. and to work with P.C.A. staff. Seconded by Munson. All in favor.

**Central Avenue Safety and Efficiency Study (Hospital Corridor) review and recommendation to Planning Board RE: Transportation Master Plan.** Motion made by Speidel to approve this report prepared by Sebago Technics. Seconded by Wentworth. All in favor. One non-vote/Reynolds.

**Federal/State Grant Eligible Transportation Improvement Project Solicitation and Regional Priorities.** Speidel spoke on how Bruce Woodruff (Planning) is working on this and encourages us to table this motion. Motion to table issue until next meeting made by Reynolds. Seconded by Munson.

#### **Crosswalk policy and assessment project – staff update.**



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Clark stated that members within the Planning and Engineering Departments need to meet ASAP to work this out. Councilor Weston stated that the City Council is waiting to receive information. This will be addressed next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Henry Law Parking Lot – Indoor Pool Parking.**

Councilor Weston would like the TAC Committee Members to work this out. She would like to be sure that enough parking spaces are made available in the lot so individuals who wish to use the pool will be able park. Speidel stated that individuals that are participating in any activity taken place in the park also use the parking lot. He added that the City is currently trying to address this issue and is working out the details. A fast-transit bus system might help out with the parking concerns. Speidel made motion that TAC does not take any action at this time and not to install any signs in the parking lot at this time. Seconded by Munson. All in favor.

#### **Lexington @ West Concord – Three Way Stop Sign (resident request).**

Speidel stated that Councilor Dede asked to have this addressed. Scruton spoke about ways to slow down the traffic. Speidel stated how the city decides where and when to put up stop signs. Speidel stated that the City does not recommend a stop sign at this intersection. Wentworth motioned to vote down placing a stop sign at this intersection. Seconded by Munson. All in favor.

#### **Locust Street @ Nelson Street Crosswalk Request by Councilor Dede**

Councilor Weston stated that she believed a crosswalk will not assist with safety issues. Speidel spoke of an earlier engineering study of the area that recommended that no crosswalk be installed. And this issue was voted down three years ago. Motioned made by Munson to vote down crosswalk request. Seconded by Wentworth. All in favor.

### **MEMBER COMMENTS**

Scruton expressed his concerns with having sidewalks full of snow and with installing sidewalks in areas the City doesn't plow. He would also like to add Upper Sixth Street on agenda for next meeting.

### **SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular scheduled meeting will be May 18, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M.

### **ADJOURNED**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Munson @ 9:26 P.M.  
Seconded by Wentworth. All in favor.