



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall Auditorium
Meeting Date: **Monday, October 6, 2008**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

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Roll Call

Roll Call @ 7:15 p.m.

Members Present

Glenn Grasso (Chair), Marn Speidel (Police), David White (Community Services), Councilwoman Karen Weston, Bruce Woodruff (Planning), John Scruton, Dennis Munson and Ed Wentworth.

Members Absent

Peter Schmidt (COAST)

CITIZEN'S FORUM

Truckers wished to discuss changes to truck routes. Bruce Woodruff presented some of the proposed truck route changes. A great deal of disagreement expressed by truckers (discussion moved to further in meeting).

Crosswalk Fifth & Chestnut Street

Tom Massingham spoke of issues regarding crosswalk on Fifth & Chestnut Street. Representative of Chestnut Hill Counseling, which occupies a building at this intersection, spoke of parking shortage in the area and spoke of hazards of intersection.

OLD BUSINESS

Review/Approval of September Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Made by Dennis Munson, Seconded by Ed Wentworth, to approve minutes.

All in favor.

Truck Route Changes

Marn Speidel and Bruce Woodruff presented the truck route changes and the city plans. A great deal of discussion. Staff referenced a map outlining the proposed truck routes. Bruce Woodruff doesn't quite agree with Marn Speidel's views. Discussion of changes in the working of the draft ordinance (2nd paragraph of Section #3).

Motion: Made to have list of truck route changes posted at City Hall and at Community Services.

All in favor.

Discussion opened to truckers. Idea to make Sixth Street off limits to tractor trailers trucks. If Washington & Arch Streets are already posted, leave them this way. Staff suggested a possible compromise to restrict tractor trailers on Sixth Street from Central to Indian Brook but allow local truck traffic.

Motion made to recommend ordinance - including this Sixth Street change - made by Ed Wentworth and seconded by Dennis Munson.



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Vote: 5-1. John Scruton against, Ed Wentworth and Marn Speidel did not vote.

5th Street & Chestnut Street

Cross walk request. Marn Speidel spoke about pros and cons. If we vote in favor, the committee will need to make it visible, because of speed on the road and the visibility of seeing people in the crosswalk. Many cars are parked in this area. Bruce Woodruff also presented difficulties.

Motion to deny crosswalk at this time made by John Scuton. Seconded by Bruce Woodruff.

VOTE: All in favor.

Item D Fourth Street & Chestnut Street Intersection

Discussion made on sight distance. Marn Speidel spoke of taking away a few parking places to increase sight distance for vehicles approaching from Fourth.

Motion made by Ed Wentworth and seconded by Dennis Munson to have Engineering make this adjustment.

All in favor.

Bruce Woodruff would like record to reflect concerns of losing parking spaces.

NEW BUSINESS

Woodman Park/CrossWalk Request

Bruce Woodruff presented the City's view on this. Recommendation made to have School Department maintain the new crosswalks around the tennis court area. If to move with the new plans, Ed Wentworth spoke about the shape of the crosswalks that are already in place in this area and the need to upgrade them. David White stated next spring would be the time to paint the crosswalks. Chairman Glenn Grasso would like to fast track this item.

VOTE: 7-1. Vote made to move forward with Ed Wentworth's list of crosswalk improvements on the short list. John Scruton against.

Member's Comments

Dennis Munson and John Scruton did not receive their board package in the mail.

Councilwoman Weston inquired as to when the entire crosswalk review would be completed by the staff. There was no definite date mentioned.

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:45 p.m.

Motion made by Ed Wentworth, Seconded by Dennis Munson

Next Meeting: November 17th, 2008