



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: FINANCE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM,
(TOP FLOOR, CITY HALL)
Meeting Date: **Monday, August 24, 2009**
Meeting Time: **7:00 pm**

Meeting Called to order by Councilor Weston at 7:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Weston, Bruce Woodruff (Planning), Ben Clark (Community Services), Ed Wentworth, John Scruton, Peter Schmidt, and Dennis Munson.

Absent: Marn Speidel (Police), Sharon Reynolds (resigned).

OLD BUSINESS

Review/Approval of meeting minutes from July 27, 2009

Motion made by Dennis Munson to approve minutes, seconded by Bruce Woodruff.

Non-vote, Peter Schmidt.

Garrison School parking & traffic – staff update

Ben Clark spoke of future plans the city has to change some of the parking area and a new cross walk in which Phase 1 will be completed prior to the start of the school year.

Ezra's Way Traffic Concern – Engineering update

Ben Clark informed committee that after reviewing the roadway, he had concluded that there is not a design deficiency or other feature that could be used to justify the posting of a advisory reduced speed placard. As previously discussed, the other alternative based on the police department's traffic count is to recommend the statutory minimum speed limit posting of 25 mph. Peter Schmidt motioned to put speed limit to 25 mph. The motion was seconded by Ed Wentworth.

All in favor.

Spring Street Parking Concern

Councilor Weston stated that the street is not wide enough for parking on both sides. She has suggested to have parking on the side of the street that has the most curb cuts. Resident input states that is too much traffic trying to cut through this street and traffic speed is too high. Bruce Woodruff agreed that the city should put parking on only one side of the street, but listen to the residents in that endeavor and try to do calm traffic strategies as well, but as a separate issue from this one. Motion made by Peter Schmidt to place parking on the north side of Spring Street. The motion was seconded by Ed Wentworth. All in favor. Peter Schmidt also suggested that the staff further investigate speed issues. The TAC concurred.

Neighborhood Design Principles – Commissioner Concerns

Bruce Woodruff mentioned that for the city to do traffic calming – bicycles, etc. it all comes down to the city having money. He suggested the city do what the town of Durham is doing. Councilor Weston wants to make any future developers include some more traffic calming ideas in their developments. She would like to form a sub-committee to look at this. Motion made by Dennis Munson to invite planning board director and chair to next TAC Meeting. Seconded by Ed Wentworth. All in favor.



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Crosswalk safety concerns – Central Avenue @ William Street

Bruce Woodruff spoke about the study that was completed. He handed out the study document. His suggestion is to follow the list of recommendations. Discussion ensued about the study. It was decided to vote to recommend/not recommend each suggestion in the study document one at a time. Following are the votes:

Refer to study document.

TAC – votes

Item #1. All in favor

Item #2, Eliminate one space. Motion by Peter Schmidt, seconded by Dennis Munson.

Item #3, Restripe crosswalk. Motion by Peter Schmidt, seconded by Ed Wentworth.

6 members in favor, Non-vote, Ben Clark.

Item #4, Install yellow crosswalk signs- motion by Peter Schmidt, seconded by Bruce Woodruff. All in favor.

Item #5, Concept Design. Councilor Weston suggests waiting on this until we have the meeting with members of the Planning Board. Bruce Woodruff suggested having TAC go ahead and put this thru to start the process to get the item onto the CIP for a future year. Motion made by Peter Schmidt to move forward, seconded by Ed Wentworth to recommend this to the Planning Board for inclusion onto the CIP.

All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Crosswalk request – Durham Road @ the Garrison Condos

This will be tabled to the next meeting. Site walk will need to be done on September 21st @ 6:15 p.m. All in favor.

MEMBER COMMENT

John Scruton spoke of bicycle safety and traffic calming. Ed Wentworth inquired about the train station asking if the city is involved in finding someone in there to operate. Also discussion about the 1-800 Junk Truck parking at Ash Street and Central Ave. Can the city do anything to limit this. Bruce will have the city look into this. Councilor Weston would like the city to help with the traffic at Fourth and Francis. Peter Schmidt inquired as to why the city moved the meeting location from the scheduled room to a different room.

SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING

September 21, 2009

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Dennis Munson and seconded by Bruce Woodruff.

All in favor.