



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Second Floor (Finance) Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, July 25, 2011**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

ROLL CALL

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. Speidel stated that a voice recorder was not available. Discussion ensued. This meeting was not audio recorded.

Members present: Councilor Karen Weston (Chair), Jack Flick, Dennis Munson, John Scruton, Maurice Olivier, Jeremy LaRose (COAST), Marn Speidel (Police).

Members absent: Bruce Woodruff (Planning), Ben Clark (Community Services)

Others present: Dustin Gray, Garrison School principal

OLD BUSINESS

A. Review/Approval of minutes from June 27, 2011

Munson moved, Scruton seconded, to approve as drafted. Motion passed 7-0.

B. TAC vs. Parking Commission purview - staff update

Speidel stated that staff is still working on a draft of this policy document. Tabled to a future meeting.

C. Parking regulations at Park Street Park and other applicable city parks – staff update

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D. Crosswalk safety at Washington and Arch Streets – staff update

Speidel stated that Engineering Department is overseeing Safe Routes to School improvements which include improved crosswalk warning signs. Traffic count data from the Strafford Regional Planning Commission was just received today and needs to be reviewed by staff. Flick suggested that there be some brush trimming in the area to improve visibility at the intersection. Tabled to a future meeting.

E. Sandpiper Drive and Watson Road bridge – staff update

Speidel stated that a contractor has started the community trail parking area. Once that is completed, the issue of parking near the bridge will be revisited.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion with School Department representative regarding transportation concerns

Dustin Gray was invited by the committee as representative of the Dover School Department. Discussion ensued regarding school-related transportation concerns. Topics included student parking in Bellamy Park on both sides of the river, traffic patterns at Garrison and Horne Street elementary schools, use of COAST for high school student transportation, and other topics. Mr. Gray stated he was willing to attend the August meeting to continue the discussion.



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B. Stop sign request at intersection of Newport and Middlebrook Roads

Speidel gave overview of correspondence from Councilor Nedelka on behalf of neighbors. Speidel noted that there are existing stop signs on Newport and Applevale approaches, with Middlebrook being considered the thru street. Further information as to the nature of the concern is unknown. Consensus was to take no action at this time.

C. Requested “Local Traffic Only” restriction for Wedgewood and Bartlett Streets

Speidel gave overview of resident concern and stated that a traffic count was being conducted to gather data. Discussion ensued. LaRose noted that a COAST stop at the corner of Whittier and Glenwood Avenue has a regular client who is disabled, which extends the typical length of a stop. Some motorists may be seeking to avoid that wait. Flick noted that residential growth on the south end of Whittier Street may be adding more traffic that is destined for grocery stores on the Central Avenue corridor. Tabled to a future meeting.

D. Requested regulation of Commercial Vehicle Engine Brakes

Speidel handed out materials related to this topic and asked committee members to review on their own to familiarize themselves with this issue. Tabled to a future meeting.

E. Discussion on “dark sky” street lighting – commissioner request

It was noted that with Woodruff and Clark absent from meeting, one of the two had been asked to do more research on this issue. Tabled to a future meeting.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Weston spoke regarding Long Hill Road. She shared correspondence she had received from a Doris Grady.

LaRose stated that there had been a recent ordinance revision to restrict a portion of Baker Street, but signs had still not been erected. Speidel stated that he would check on the status to see if a work order had been placed, and would ensure that the work order was initiated.

Scruton stated that there were concerns about safety of residents on Sixth Street who must cross the road to retrieve their mail in the Hillcrest to Autumn area. Gave some history about the rural route boxes being on the opposite side before the reconstruction in 2000, and the idea that the City wanted them moved to keep them out of the sidewalk on the north side. Discussion ensued regarding safety concerns. Scruton moved, seconded by Munson, to endorse a request to the United States Postal Service to change the mail delivery. Speidel was charged with follow-up.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING (August 22, 2011)

ADJOURN

Munson moved, seconded by LaRose, to adjourn at 8:15 PM. All in favor.