



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, November 28, 2011**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

ROLL CALL

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Councilor Karen Weston (Chair), Dennis Munson, John Scruton, Maurice Olivier, Jeremy LaRose (COAST), Chris Parker (Planning), Marn Speidel (Police), Ben Clark (Community Services). Jack Flick arrived at 6:10 PM.

Members absent: None

Others present: Mike Kozlowski, 13 Barry Street
Dan Hughes, 9 Barry Street
Phyllis Woods, 1 Barry Street
Michael Chalue, 12 Mast Road
Jessica and Kathleen Belair, 16 Wallingford Street
Patricia and Wayne Taylor, 10 Wallingford Street
Nicholas Carr and Lauren Adams, 5 Wallingford Street
Tom O'Malley, 1 Wallingford Street

Olivier immediately moved, Parker seconded, to proceed to New Business items on the agenda to accommodate citizens who are present. Motion passed 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

B. Resident concern – stop sign request – South Pine Street at Court Street (referred by Councilor Nedelka)

Speidel gave overview of concern. Speidel stated that notices were hand delivered to 8 properties in the immediate vicinity. The only input received was from Mr. and Mrs. Jack French of 59 Court Street. French described himself as a 50-year resident and was a proponent of installing a stop sign here, and had initiated the request to Councilor Nedelka. French has stated that a stop sign was there in the past. Speidel noted that this stop sign is not listed in Chapter 166 of the City Code, but there is a stop sign at Court and Central which is a similar situation. Discussion ensued. Weston asked whether there is any accident data at this intersection and reminded committee members of recent considerations for stop signs at Old Rochester and Long Hill. Speidel stated that while there is not enough accident data to meet the MUTCD warrant considerations, the police department is not opposed to placing a stop sign here. Further discussion ensued. Clark moved, Munson seconded, to take no action. Motion passed 9-0.

C. Resident concern – Paul Street safety issue – parking restriction suggested (referred by Parking Manager Simons)

Residents described safety concern following installation of new sidewalks on Paul and Wallingford Streets. Residents noted an influx of parked cars on both sides of Paul Street near Henry Law, many of which belonged to young adults living somewhere on Henry Law. Speidel noted that there is an existing ordinance which prohibits parking on the east side of Paul Street from Henry Law to Wallingford. This restriction has not been



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posted since the redesign but is still on the books. Discussion ensued on whether posting this restriction would push problem farther up Wallingford. A resident noted that on the west side of Paul, a truck often parked right up against the stop sign. It was noted that this could be posted with a No Parking Here to Corner sign at 20' distance without a special ordinance. Residents concurred that this would suffice. LaRose moved, Munson seconded, to ask City to post a No Parking Here to Corner sign, and post No Parking signs on Paul Street per the existing ordinance. Further discussion ensued and consensus was that residents would inform City officials if the problem persisted in other places on the street following the posting of signs. Motion passed 9-0.

E. Resident concern – Smith Well Road at Barry Street sight distance – parking restriction proposed (referred by Councilor Cruikshank)

Residents described traffic safety concern related to parked vehicles near the Glenwood intersection. Discussion ensued regarding this and also a potential parking restriction on Barry Street. Speidel read the text of three messages he had received from other residents who could not attend the meeting. Speidel moved, Parker seconded, to impose a parking restriction on westerly side of Smith Well from Barry to Glenwood, and to have staff review the need for any further restriction on Barry Street. Motion passed 9-0.

A. Discussion of article on roundabouts/traffic circles

Scruton read from an article by Jim Mundell, P.E., regarding traffic calming strategies in the City of Seattle. Discussion ensued. Parker stated that the City is supportive of roundabouts wherever their use is appropriate, and described recent revisions to site review regulations. LaRose asked about traffic calming strategies in older neighborhoods such as Ham and Park Streets. Parker stated that these areas would be included in the Capital Improvements Program as appropriate.

D. Resident concern – Back River Road at Holiday Drive safety issue

Speidel gave overview of correspondence from a Maple Suites resident regarding safety concerns at this intersection. Discussion ensued. Speidel noted the Maple Suites project was vetted in technical review process before Planning Board approval, and while the sight distance at intersection is not ideal, it does meet minimum requirements. It was noted that this is a private driveway whereupon improvements could be performed by the property owner. Speidel noted that he had already conveyed the gist of these points with the resident. Consensus was to take no further action.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Review/Approval of minutes from July 25, August 22, and September 26, 2011

Speidel moved, LaRose seconded, to table review of minutes to a subsequent meeting. Motion passed 9-0.

B. Neighborhood design / traffic calming committee formation / discussion



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Parker stated that he had not yet determined who would replace Bruce Woodruff on this committee. Parker proposed that the Planning Department coordinate a workshop session in the spring of 2012, to provide education to affected boards and commissions such as the Planning Board and TAC regarding traffic calming strategies. Discussion ensued.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Parker stated that the Planning Department had hired Tim Corwin, formerly Zoning Administrator in Windham, NH, to fill the position vacated by Bruce Woodruff. Parker stated that he had not yet determined who would replace Woodruff on this committee.

LaRose stated that No Parking signs on Baker Street had still not been erected. Speidel noted that work order had been requested at least once, if not more often. Clark stated he would follow up with Community Services.

Weston expressed concern regarding parked vehicles on Young Street that do not move all day. Speidel stated that this was the purview of the Parking Commission, as it relates to turnover rather than a safety issue.

Flick expressed concern regarding cars making left turn from Portland Avenue directly onto Young Street, which caused them to go over a yellow line. Speidel stated that this is a very unusual intersection and that because of the design, the police department does not consider this an illegal left turn.

Flick expressed concern regarding signs for the Community Trail crossing near Washington Street and the visibility of the crosswalk from both approaches. Speidel noted that this is not technically a crosswalk and the motorists, not trail users, have the right of way. Parker noted that signs had been stolen on more than one occasions. LaRose stated that he sits on the Community Trail committee and this is a concern for the committee as well. Discussion ensued.

Olivier asked for status of stop signs to be installed at Old Rochester and Long Hill Roads.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Discussion regarding the schedule of meetings and a potential December meeting date. Munson moved, Speidel seconded, to cancel the December meeting and to have the next TAC meeting on January 23. Motion passed 9-0.

ADJOURN

Munson moved, seconded by Speidel, to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Motion passed 9-0.