



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, October 22, 2012**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. ROLL CALL

Weston called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Members present: Councilor Karen Weston (Chair), Dustin Gray, Maurice Olivier, Jack Flick, Dennis Munson, Marn Speidel (Police), Chris Parker (Planning)

Members absent: Jeremy LaRose (COAST), Ben Clark (Community Services), Peter Schmidt (Alternate)

Others present: John Scruton, Mark Pilon (10 Meridian Av), Jana St. Germain (80 Garrison Rd)

It was noted that Dustin Gray was just appointed to this committee to take the place of John Scruton.

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review/approval of minutes from September 24, 2012

A motion was made by Olivier, seconded by Parker to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

B. Update on parking and traffic concern near Garrison Elementary School

Parker gave overview on behalf of Clark, who was said to be working an overnight shift with striping crews. Parker gave estimate figures for a speed plateau, as discussed at prior meeting, at \$6,000 each. Speidel noted that striping delays to date can be attributed to frequent rain and the fact that Dover seeks contracted services for this work. Temporary no parking signs have been placed. Resident Mark Pilon presented photos showing the before/after conditions once the no parking signs were in place. Resident Jana St. Germain stated that there is still a problem with speeders on the road, and failure to yield at the crosswalks. Discussion ensued regarding speed tables. Scruton stated that a crossing guard should be used here. Discussion ensued regarding crossing guards, budgeted positions.

C. Update on traffic calming pilot project for Lexington, Cushing, Belknap, Atkinson Street neighborhoods

Parker stated that an update would be coming at a subsequent meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parking as public safety concern on Twombly and Preble Streets – per request of resident and Dover Fire and Rescue

Speidel shared the concerns of residents Judy and Paul Sesin of 18 Twombly Street, who had contacted the parking manager regarding their concern over garbage trucks and emergency vehicles unable to navigate the street. The fire department has performed field tests on several occasions and has found that they are unable to fit their ladder truck through the bend in Twombly and Preble Streets with parked cars nearby. The fire department has proposed several additional parking restrictions which were reviewed by Speidel. Discussion ensued regarding parking restrictions, limiting traffic to one-way, and further action. Consensus was that further action would be considered at the next meeting and that residents should be invited to attend. Tabled to November meeting.

B. Parting comments/concerns from Commissioner Scruton

Scruton expressed his desire for the City to continue to look for traffic calming solutions. He also listed the following topics that he wishes for the committee to consider during future discussions:

- * Pedestrian speed should be discussed in feet per second, not miles per hour.
Communities should be more walkable.
- * Villages have been ruined with development. New work should respect neighborhoods.



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- * New England has narrow, crooked roads unlike a grid system in other communities. You make them work.
- * 9.5' travel lanes are possible.
- * If traffic calming doesn't work, you make it work. Keep hollering.

C. MEMBER COMMENTS

Speidel presented Scruton with a gift in thanks for his many years of service to the committee and the City.

New member Dustin Gray was welcomed to the board. Gray will represent the school department on some issues but is also an appointed city resident. Discussion ensued regarding future meeting scheduling to accommodate Gray. Consensus was to keep the dates and meeting times the same as recorded in the bylaws.

Flick inquired about the speed table recently installed on Bellamy Road. Discussion ensued.

D. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date confirmed November 26, 2012 at 6:00pm.

E. ADJOURN

Munson moved to adjourn at 7:26 PM, Flick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.