



CITY OF DOVER

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: City Council Chambers, City Hall  
Meeting Date: **Monday, February 25, 2013**  
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

### 1. ROLL CALL

Weston called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Members present:** Councilor Karen Weston (Chair), Jack Flick, Marn Speidel (Police), Ben Clark (Community Services), Maurice Olivier, Dennis Munson, Jeremy LaRose (COAST)

**Members absent:** Chris Parker (Planning), Dustin Gray, Peter Schmidt (Alternate)

**Others present:** Laura Bicknell, 86 Grove Street  
Stephanie McCann, 79 Grove Street, (and several other neighborhood residents)  
Mary Hassan, Cochecho Park Apartments  
Sharon Wentworth

### 2. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Review/approval of minutes from December 17, 2012

LaRose moved, Munson seconded, to approve with no amendments. Passed 7-0.

#### B. Crosswalk review – staff update

Clark handed out a January 24, 2013 memorandum that he and Chris Parker had prepared. Clark gave an overview of the memo, which included a summary of finding from the staff crosswalk review of 2010, an update on corrective measures taken by staff since 2010, and proposed recommendation and actions for the future. Weston asked Clark and staff to prepare a draft of the proposed Chestnut Street crosswalk improvements for the next meeting. Discussion ensued. Flick asked for staff to look at enhancing awareness that southbound left turns are prohibited onto Third Street. Speidel noted that the existing No Left Turn sign was proposed to be removed to improve approaching visibility for the new warning signs.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Four way stop resident request – Grove and Hough Streets

Speidel showed a schematic of the neighborhood and noted the presence and absence of stop signs at all of the nearby intersections. Resident Laura Bicknell described concerns with children playing, cars speeding, and children crossing to the bus stop. Stephanie McCann described a concern with cars coming down the hill from Mt Vernon Street. All residents were in favor of a four-way stop. Weston asked staff for input. Speidel gave overview of the MUTCD warrant requirements for an all-way stop. Speidel stated that while there do not appear to be any specific warrants met, staff notes the potential for driver confusion due to the prevalence of four-way stops in the area. Further discussion ensued. Flick moved, Olivier seconded, to recommend a four-way stop here. Motion passed 7-0. Police will draft ordinance revision.

#### B. Crosswalk safety concern at Portland Avenue and Rogers Street

Weston stated she has heard from a resident with concerns. Weston asked for Engineering to propose some intersection safety improvements. Flick stated that he shares the concerns and notes that motorists on Portland Avenue tend to tailgate anyone who is driving only the speed limit. LaRose suggested removing some of the on street parking in the immediate vicinity of the Rogers Street crosswalk, and necking down the curb near this intersection. LaRose spoke about roundabouts but noted that they tend to be more difficult for pedestrians to navigate, especially those with disabilities. Weston asked about median refuge islands for the crosswalk here and in front of the Ice Arena. Weston asked for staff to return next month with sketches of potential safety improvements.



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### **C. Crosswalk lighting petition from Cochecho Park residents**

Speidel gave overview of petition that had been circulated to the committee members. Speidel stated that Chief Colarusso had met with a group of the residents who are looking for any and all measures to improve safety for pedestrians using this crossing. Resident Mary Hassan spoke about her concerns as the lead petitioner. Discussion ensued regarding the location of the COAST bus stop near this crosswalk. LaRose suggested a further study of whether the southbound lanes could be narrowed to one lane. Flick suggested an additional advance warning crosswalk sign for the southerly approach. Flick moved, Munson seconded, to install an advance warning sign as an immediate measure. Motion passed 7-0. Discussion ensued regarding the Planning Department's consultant who will be reviewing this area with other downtown infrastructure.

Resident Sharon Wentworth raised a concern regarding safety for elderly and disabled residents crossing the intersection of Court and Union Streets to get to the bus stop. There is a lack of sight distance for motorists approaching northbound.

### **D. Chapter 166 housekeeping revisions – staff update**

Speidel asked that this be tabled to the next meeting. Weston stated that the Council's ordinance committee will be looking at Chapter 166 shortly.

### **E. Soap Box Derby 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary event**

Speidel reviewed correspondence that had been given to the committee. Speidel stated that the organizers are seeking approval to have the event on Broadway. Weston said she feels it's appropriate for them to complete the application and have it go to the Council's consent calendar. Speidel compared and contrasted the traffic issues between this location and the former Central Avenue location, and noted that residents on Broadway would be directly affected. Speidel stated that the police department will draft and distribute notices to ensure residents and business owners are aware of the Council meeting when it comes time to vote.

### **F. Election of Chair**

Clark nominated Weston for reelection as Chair. Munson seconded. No further nominations were made. By a vote of 7-0, Weston was elected Chair.

### **G. Appointment of Vice-Chair**

Weston appointed Flick as vice-chair. Flick accepted.

### **H. Appointment of Clerk**

Weston appointed Munson as clerk. Munson accepted.

## **I. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Speidel noted a future agenda item to revisit the parking concerns in the area of Watson and Sandpiper. Speidel stated that Chief Colarusso had authorized a temporary parking restriction pending further action by the committee. The parking area at the head of the community trail is supposed to be finished soon. Speidel also handed out 2013 parking permits to affected committee members.



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LaRose stated that COAST has a concern about negotiating Green Street with its buses following winter storms. LaRose noted that the Police and Community Services Departments have been very responsive and have removed snow already this season, but it remains difficult at times and COAST often has 3-4 buses per hour using Green Street.

Olivier acknowledged Speidel's recent award as the police department's employee of the year.

Weston stated that one or more members of the Council want to look at seasonal parking restrictions on Fourth Street. She stated that committee members should be aware and will advise if further action is necessary.

### **J. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date was confirmed for March 25, 2013 at 6:00pm.

### **K. ADJOURN**

Munson moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM, LaRose seconded. Motion passed 7-0.