



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council Chambers, City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, June 23, 2014**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

1. ROLL CALL

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

Members present: Councilor Karen Weston (Chair), Marn Speidel (Police), Dave White (Community Services), Chris Parker (Planning), Brian DeGuzis (COAST), Jack Flick, Maurice Olivier, Dennis Munson, Peter Schmidt (Alternate). Dustin Gray arrived at 6:20 PM.

Members absent: Michael Weeden (Alternate)

2. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review/approval of minutes from March 24, 2014 and April 21, 2014

Parker moved, Munson seconded, to approve with no amendments. Motion passed 7-0 (Munson, Schmidt abstained, Gray not present).

Discussion ensued on whether the meeting should include a public forum for citizen input that was not on the agenda. Weston opened the floor to citizens for comment.

Jamie Donovan, 12 Trakey Street, spoke about the lack of action on speed limit 25 mph signs. He stated that citizens have been waiting for more than 6 months since the TAC endorsed these signs. He handed out a petition signed by several residents.

B. Downtown Access and Streetscape Study – staff update

(Note: this item was discussed later in the meeting.) Parker gave overview of the status of this study. Cecil has proposed a possible fourth option. Will have staff look at modeling the options. Gave overview of survey results. Cecil will give preferred alternative at a future TAC meeting. Discussion ensued on possible roundabout at Chestnut/Third. Weston asked about the trains. Discussion ensued on Central Avenue two-way. Schmidt raised issue of trains nosing out into Chestnut Street during stops. Weston raised a concern about the Chestnut/Orchard median refuge island to be removed with the new PD plan. Parker clarified that the crosswalk would be relocated to the south of the driveway, and that bump-outs would be added to shorten the crossing distance and create bus pull-offs. Weston wants closer look at this.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Four-way stop citizen request, Fifth and Grove Streets

Robert Watters, 67 Fifth Street #14, spoke about a safety concern here and described numerous near-miss collisions. Parker moved, Munson seconded, to change this from a two-way to a four-way stop. Further discussion ensued. Speidel stated that the police department supports this as a public safety measure. Schmidt said he supports the measure. Olivier asked how long it would take for the signs to be placed. Speidel explained the timing of a proposed ordinance revision. Motion passed 9-0.

B. Crosswalk request – 279 Locust Street

Chad Kageleiry of Summit Land Development spoke in support of this request. Letters from three of the business tenants at 279 Locust were distributed to the committee, all in support of this



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request. Discussion ensued. Speidel referred to the City's Crosswalk Policy and Standards and said that staff had performed a site review and had evaluated the request in accordance with the policy. Speidel stated that City staff (Police, Planning, and Engineering) support the request with certain conditions which were to be met at the expense of the property owner. These conditions were conveyed to representatives of Summit Land Development:

- 1) Minimum width 10' and consistent with City's marking pattern
- 2) MUTCD compliant warning signs
- 3) Curbing improvements and ADA compliant tip-downs with tactile warning panels
- 4) Parking lot site lighting to be maintained in its current capacity
- 5) On street parking lines to be cut back to improve the site distance

Schmidt stated he had a concern about speeding vehicles on this roadway. Parker moved, Munson seconded, to endorse this crosswalk and then add it to the City's inventory after construction. Motion passed 9-0.

C. Green Hill Road status discussion

Parker gave an overview of this issue. Asked TAC to endorse removing this road from a Class VI designation thereby making it subject to being gated, open to pedestrians only as a Class A trail. Parker explained that after a TAC recommendation, it would be brought to the Conservation Commission in July. Parker moved, Munson seconded to remove the Class VI designation. Motion passed 9-0.

4. MEMBER COMMENTS

Parker distributed a handout pertaining to Traffic Calming and Complete Streets. He stated that staff now takes into account all users of a roadway, including pedestrians, when considering new developments. Recent concepts include "green" streets taking into account storm-water management, such as a proposed rain garden at Woodman Park School near Silver Street.

Weston read an email from a constituent containing several traffic-related concerns. One was a suggestion for a crosswalk on Locust at Nelson. Another proposed adding a No Left Turn sign at Washington/Chestnut. Another proposed creating resident parking only on Locust Street from Silver to Fisher. Discussion ensued on the contents of the email. Speidel noted that the crosswalk request at Nelson/Locust has been vetted several times by TAC and reviewed several times by staff. Speidel stated that there are two No Left Turn signs already at Washington/Chestnut, and cited the unusual nature of the traffic pattern (keep right to turn left when the road forks). Parker stated that if the resident parking concern was in response to the new Tuttle Square Apartments, it should be noted that these people would also be considered residents. Speidel stated that this is an issue for the Parking Commission as a matter of policy in how to allocate public parking, not a public safety concern.

Flick asked whether the TAC should consider lowering the speed limit citywide except on main roads, in light of the Trakey Street issue. Discussion ensued.



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Olivier spoke about communication between staff and the committee, so that action items are updated to the TAC. He stated that he was surprised and upset to learn that the signs had not been put up on Trakey Street and that the committee had not been made aware that staff had decided not to act on the TAC recommendation. Discussion ensued on how to keep track of action items arising from the committee.

Speidel also raised a concern about giving priority to residents appearing at committee meetings to speak about items that were not on the agenda, and given priority over residents who had gone through the process of getting on the agenda. Speidel moved, Parker seconded, to add a citizen's forum to the TAC agenda. Discussion ensued on where to place the forum. The motion was amended to place citizen's forum at the end of the TAC agenda. Motion passed 8-1.

5. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was confirmed for July 28.

6. ADJOURN

Munson moved, White seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48. Motion passed 9-0.