



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Dover Police Department conference room
Meeting Date: **Monday, October 29, 2018**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members present: Mayor Karen Weston (Chair), Marn Speidel (Police), Gretchen Young (Community Services), Chris Parker (Planning), Dennis Munson (Clerk), Susan Tremblay, David Gray, Peter Schmidt (Alternate – left before item 4D)

Members Absent: Maurice Olivier (Vice Chair), Michael Williams (COAST), Dustin Gray (Alternate)

No audio recording of meeting was made.

1. Roll Call

Weston called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Citizens Forum

No citizens spoke.

3. Old Business

A. Review/approval of minutes from Monday, August 27, 2018

Motion: Munson made a motion, seconded by Parker, to approve.

Vote: Motion passed 7-0 with one abstention

4. New Business

A. All way stop intersection, Thornwood/Teresa/Point Place

Speidel stated that this item was on the agenda because there is currently an all way stop intersections at Thornwood and Teresa/Julia Drive as well as Point Place and Sierra Hill Drive. Thornwood and Point Place have not yet been accepted by the city, however, they are scheduled for review at the City Council, and for these to be in place when the roadway becomes public they will need to officially be added to the ordinance.

Richard Spence, 8 Madeline Drive, was present to discuss the item. He stated that it is essential to have a stop sign at the intersection of Julia Drive and Thornwood to protect the pedestrians that regularly walk in the area. Mr. Spence stated that the stop signs could slow down cut through traffic and also requested that the speed limit on the roadway be reduced to 25 mph. Parker stated that a stop sign could not be used as a speed deterrent. Sgt. Speidel noted that the TAC could only reduce the speed after an engineering study. This type of study could be conducted in the spring. Parker noted that the speed limits on private roadways, including Julia and Teresa is not regulated by the City. The city also does not regulate the stop signs or crosswalks on these private roads.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Schmidt, to recommend a four-way stop at the intersections of Thornwood and Julia/Teresa at the time when Thornwood becomes a public roadway and to keep other speed requests as TAC agenda items for future meetings.



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Vote: Motion passed 8-0

B. All way stop intersection, Point Place/Sierra Hill.

Speidel stated that there is already a four-way stop at this intersection, but that it would need to be included in the ordinance once Point Place is accepted as a public road.

Motion: Parker made a motion seconded by Munson, **to keep an all way stop at the intersection of Pointe Place and Sierra Hill.**

Vote: Motion passed 8-0

C. Ham Street traffic concern, potential parking restrictions

Speidel summarized that recently with Bradley Commons open, there has been more parking on both sides of Ham Street and at times the School bus and other vehicles are having trouble going down the street. Attorney FX Bruton, stated that his office has recently moved to the norther side of the Ham Street at the intersection of Central Avenue, and he notices that cars have trouble exiting his parking lot and that the traffic turning onto Ham Street often has trouble with the parked cars on both sides. Parker noted that he had talked to the owners of Bradley Commons about finding alternative parking for their employees.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Tremblay **to restrict parking on the northerly side of Ham Street and restrict parking for 30 feet from the Central Ave intersection on the southerly side of Ham Street.**

Discussion: Weston asked if more spaces would be preserved if they restricted the other side of the street. Speidel stated that it was essentially the same, but that the spaces on the southern side serve the residence on the street.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0

D. Stop sign request, Summer/Elm intersection

Young stated that staff are in the process of designing the reconstruction of the Elm, Summer, Belknap neighborhood. At a recent neighborhood meeting, residents requested a four-way stop at the intersection of Summer Street and Elm Street. Young said that staff support this request.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Munson, **to add an all way stop sign at the intersection of Summer Street and Elm Street.**

Vote: Motion passed 7-0

E. Staff update: Central Avenue rail crossing replacement

Speidel stated that PanAm and DOT have requested that the City allow them to upgrade the tracks at the Central Avenue crossing. Central Avenue will be closed for three days, detours



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will be in place for that time. Those using the Railway should check the website for travel modifications while the work is being completed.

5. Member Comments

No members spoke.

6. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28th, at 6:00 pm in the council chambers.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Munson, **to adjourn.**

Vote: Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.