



CITY OF DOVER

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION - MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Council chambers, second floor City Hall
Meeting Date: **Monday, September 23, 2019**
Meeting Time: **6:00 pm**

Members present: Mayor Karen Weston (Chair), Maurice Olivier (Vice Chair), Dennis Munson (Clerk), Marn Speidel (Police), Gretchen Young (Community Services), Chris Parker (Planning), Elizabeth Goldman, Dustin Gray (Alternate), Peter Schmidt (Alternate),

Members Absent: Michael Williams (COAST) (unexcused), Susan Tremblay (excused)

1. Roll Call

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

2. Old Business

A. Review/approval of minutes from Monday, May 20, 2019

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

Vote: Motion passed 9-0

3. New Business

A. Willand Avenue Speed Table

Sgt. Speidel gave overview of trouble with drainage around the speed table on Willand Ave. He stated that the table was installed in the 1900's before the construction of Hotel Drive and improvements to the Long Hill Road intersection. Staff have trouble maintaining the speed table, and with other outlets in the area and less traffic on Willand Ave. staff recommend removing the table and repaving the roadway.

Sgt. Speidel also passed along concerns from residents who could not make meeting:

Laurea Nugent, 6 Willand Ave, left lengthy voice mail for staff asking the speed hump be removed citing numerous reasons.

Carol Kennedy, 4 Willand Ave, wrote email to staff on behalf of herself and husband in favor of removing the speed hump. Stated it is ineffective if people choose to drive fast, and a hindrance in bad weather.

Peter Strangas, 8 Willand Ave, addressed the committee and spoke in favor of keeping speed hump. Described some history including the prior no left turn and stated this was a contentious issue involving City Council in late 1990's.

Sally Fletcher, 5 Willand Ave, spoke in favor of keeping speed hump. Concerns with speed on road. Also stated road is disintegrating and sinking, drainage is a problem, but wants City to look at other measures for repair that do not involve removing speed hump.

Vicki Chase, 10 Willand Ave, spoke in favor of keeping speed hump. Concerns with speed.

Discussion ensued, and staff was asked to look at alternative solutions to the drainage issues in the area.

Motion: Schmidt made a motion seconded by Parker, to table and have staff look at alternate drainage and speed reduction measures.

Vote: Motion passed 9-0



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B. Stop sign request – Shamrock/Renaud intersection

John Kageleiry, 8 Hayes Ln, explained that cars making a left from Shamrock onto Renaud, tend to cut the corner and there is large vegetation limiting the sightline up Renaud. He is requesting a stop sign at the end of Shamrock. Parker recommended having a three-way stop at the bottom of Shamrock, Renaud, and Keating.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Schmidt, **to install a three-way stop in this location.**

Vote: Motion passed 9-0

C. Correspondence from Community Trail Advisory Committee RE: Washington Street crossing

Jon Niehof, 25 School St., explained that the Community Trail Advisory Committee would like to start discussions on making improvements, particularly at the location where the trail crosses Washington Street. He stated that this could be a smaller piece of a larger corridor improvement along Washington Street coming into the downtown area.

Bill Stafford, 217 Washington Ave, spoke about concerns with speeding along Washington.

Parker explained some of the past improvements that were made, including signage warning trail users to stop and wait for a break in traffic. Sgt. Speidel explained that a crosswalk at the location of the trail would not be effective because of the topography of the roadway, drivers do not see the pavement at the trail crossing until they are on top of it.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Gray **to table and have city staff to review other options at this location.**

Vote: Motion passed 9-0

Motion: Speidel made a motion, seconded by Olivier, **to move Citizens Forum to this point in the agenda.**

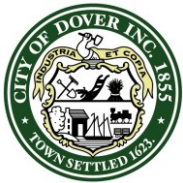
Vote: Motion passed 9-0

4. Citizens Forum

Terry Ellen Carter, Rutland St., spoke about the paving on Rutland Street and asked if any traffic calming measures had been considered. Young stated that Rutland Street is not part of the Capital Improvement Project happening on Belknap Street, Rutland was just receiving maintenance paving. Parker said staff could look at paint improvements.

3. D. Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders – request for discussion

Ian Sweeper, 15 Atkinson Street, came to the TAC on behalf of the Seacoast Area Bicycle Riders. He is interested in assisting the city make improvements to become more bike



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friendly. He will work with the planning staff to assess many areas and potential improvements throughout the city.

E. Washington Street parking (Henry Law to Main)

Parker explained that the parking commission is interested in striping parking spaces on both sides of the Washington Street bridge, however, there is a note on the construction plans for that bridge that states no parking within project limits. Staff looking for support to have a structural evaluation of the bridge to ensure additional dead loads are acceptable on bridge.

Motion: Parker made a motion, seconded by Gray, **to move forward with structural evaluation of bridge and to endorse the concept of adding parking here contingent on the structural review.**

Vote: Motion passed 9-0

F. Review of correspondence RE: solar crosswalk warning lights

Speidel recommended prioritizing mid-block crosswalks where the city would like to install crosswalk warning lights, and then install them as funding becomes available.

G. Review of correspondence RE: Park Street

Speidel gave overview of citizen's correspondence regarding concerns for the condition of Park Street and suggestions for improvements. Young explained that adding curbing could not be completed without making improvements to the road cross-section and drainage. Young stated that this area is included in an approved CIP project that will improve sidewalk, drainage, roadway and utilities in the area.

5. Member Comments

Parker updated the commission on the upcoming CIP projects.

Goldman requested an update on the sidewalk inventory. Young stated a substantial amount of work had been completed by the Asset Management Technician, and that community services will prepare an update for an upcoming TAC meeting.

6. Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for November 25th, at 6:00 pm in the council chambers.

7. Adjournment

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

Vote: Motion passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM