

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting August 12, 2009

Broadmeadow School Media Center, Needham, MA 02492

MINUTES – Approved September 9, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE

Meredith Page, Tony Del Gaizo, Bob Wilson, Lt. John Kraemer, Margaret Murphy, Thomas Stokes, Rebecca Turner

Guests: Patricia and Lloyd Bain, Joan Berlin, Kosta Davos, Judy Campbell, Steve Miller, Tom Mungovan, Glenn Stern, David Gotthelf, Jay Delaune, Ron Allman

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:02 pm.

I. PARKING ON MAPLE STREET

Mr. Bain explained that construction vehicles from the hospital have been parking on both sides of Maple Street narrowing the road and creating ruts in the berm. Lt. Kraemer stated that vehicles parked so that the road is narrowed to less than 10 feet wide, or parked on the sidewalk or blocking a driveway would be in violation and that a reminder memo would be sent to the meter maids. Mr. Del Gaizo reported that the hospital is expecting substantial completion by the end of August which will hopefully alleviate some of the parking issues. Mr. Bain was encouraged to meet with his neighbors on Maple Street and have them all come up with an agreement about parking limits they would like to see on the street.

Mr. Bain also expressed concern that Maple Street is used as a cut-through and vehicles often reach excessive speed. Lt. Kraemer will look into the sight lines to see if putting the speed board on Maple Street would be appropriate.

II. INTERSECTION OF LEXINGTON ST. AND RICHDALE RD.

Ms. Berlin expressed concern about the lack of stop signs at Lexington and Richdale and about excessive vehicle speed due to the use of Lexington as a cut-through. Mr. Del Gaizo explained that there are state requirements needed to warrant the placement of a stop sign and that a vehicle count and visibility study will be done after September 7th to see if a stop sign is warranted. If a stop sign is not warranted, the intersection will meet the warrant for a yield sign. Lt. Kraemer cautioned that roads are never a safe place to play and encouraged parents to instruct children to play well away from the road.

III. WEBSTER ST. AND HIGH ST.

Mr. Stern came before the committee to check on the progress of the traffic studies and the timing of the light at Webster and High Streets. Mr. Wilson reported that turning counts had been taken on July 22nd and 23rd. The timing of the lights could not be changed based on those counts but the traffic study will be redone after the Webster Street reconstruction is complete and school is back in session.

IV. CYCLING ON SOUTH STREET

Mr. Gotthelf expressed concerns about the safety of bicyclists on South Street. Mr. Del Gaizo will put Mr. Gotthelf in touch with Needham Bikes.

V. SPEED CONCERNS ON PARISH RD.

Speed concerns on Parish Road were discussed. Traffic counters will be put out and vehicle speeds will be recorded.

VI. CHARLES RIVER AND GROVE STREET

The curve from Charles River Street onto Grove Street was discussed.

Action: It was moved and seconded that an advisory curve sign be placed on Charles River Street. The motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

VII. NEVADA ROAD

Speed and sign issues on Nevada Road were discussed. A traffic study will be performed at Nevada and Parker to provide more information.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

The minutes from the June 10, 2009 TMAC meeting were approved.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the June 2009 meeting be accepted. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

One overnight parking pass application from Robert Klein of 11 Andrea Circle was presented to the Committee.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the TMAC recommend the issue of the overnight parking permit. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

One overnight parking pass application from Lisa Morris of 15 Morton Road was presented to the Committee.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the TMAC recommend the issue of the overnight parking permit. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

Two overnight parking pass applications from Maureen and Douglas Motchok of 174 Washington Street were presented to the Committee.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the TMAC recommend the issue of one overnight parking permit. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2009.

These minutes are intended to convey the general content of the discussions at the TMAC meeting.

Minutes compiled by: Rebecca Turner