

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting November 17, 2010

Newman School Conference Room, Needham, MA 02492

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Thomas Stokes, Lt. John Kraemer, Tony Del Gaizo, Tom Ryder, Glenn Schneider, Sarah Smith, Rebecca Turner

Guests:

Harry Chin, Allison Goldstein, Laura DeMaio, Stephen DeMaio, David Kuhns, Jennifer Collins, Anne Hayek, Patti Clark, Christel Morley, Patrick DeMaio

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm.

I. INTERSECTION AT HIGHLAND AVENUE AND WEST STREET

Mr. Chin expressed concern about southbound traffic backing up on Highland Avenue at West Street due to congestion from vehicles turning left and cars parked on the right. It was noted that this intersection is on the town's long-term plan for reconstruction. In addition, the Senior Center Feasibility and Design study for the Heights MBTA lot may also impact the intersection.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the Needham Engineering Department review the intersection to see what interim measures could be taken to improve traffic flow on the condition that Mr. Chin contact Heights businesses about the possible removal of on-street parking spaces. This was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

II. PETITION FROM OTIS ST. RESIDENTS REGARDING "NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER" SIGNS

Action: It was moved and seconded that the "No Parking Here to Corner" signs be installed. This was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

III. SPEED, SIGNAGE ON BROOKSIDE ROAD

Mr. Kuhn expressed concern about vehicle speed on Brookside Road.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the Needham Police Department increase enforcement where possible. This was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

IV. PARKING RESTRICTION ON WALNUT STREET

Ms. Clark expressed concern about cars belonging to Postal workers parked all day on Walnut Street. The Committee suggested speaking to the US Postal Service District Manager and speaking to neighbors to get a consensus on possible parking restrictions.

V. SIGNAGE, CROSSWALK, SPEED AT GREAT PLAIN AVE. AND WILSHIRE PARK

Ms. Collins expressed concerns about vehicle speed and crosswalk visibility at Great Plain Ave. and Wilshire Park.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the "Crosswalk Ahead" sign be changed from icon style to standard English, that a "300 ft" tab be added to the sign, and that a "Pedestrian Crossing" stanchion be placed in the crosswalk in the spring. This was called to a vote and passed

unanimously.

VI. CROSSWALK, SIGNAGE AT NEWMAN SCHOOL CROSSWALK ON CENTRAL AVE.

Ms. DeMaio and Ms. Hayek expressed concerns about the visibility of the crosswalk at Newman on Central Avenue.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the crosswalk be repainted with crosshatching and that a “Pedestrian Crossing” stanchion be placed in the crosswalk in the spring. This was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

VII. SIGNAGE ON JENNIFER CIRCLE AT CENTRAL AVENUE

Action: It was moved and seconded that a “No Outlet” sign be placed on Jennifer Circle at Central Avenue. This was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

VIII. FOLLOW UP REPORTS

From the 8/11/2010 meeting: The results of the traffic study at the intersection of Marked Tree Road and Oak Street are that a “STOP” sign is not warranted for the Marked Tree Road approaches to the intersection.

From the 10/13/10 meeting: A traffic regulation for the proposed “stop” sign on Hoover Road at Tower Avenue has been signed by the Selectmen (11-23) and sent to the newspaper (11-26).

From the 11/17/10 meeting: The DPW Highway Division has been notified regarding signage and crosswalk issues on Otis Street, Great Plain Avenue, Jennifer Circle, and Central Avenue.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Two items on the agenda were tabled until the next meeting.

Action: It was moved and seconded that Agenda Items 1 and 4 (Speed, Signage at Longacre Road and Crosswalk on 4th Ave.) be tabled until the next meeting. The motion was called to a vote and was passed unanimously.

The minutes from the October 13, 2010 TMAC meeting were accepted with minor changes.

Action: It was moved and seconded that the minutes from the October 2010 meeting be accepted. The motion was called a vote and was passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

These minutes are intended to convey the general content of the discussions at the TMAC meeting.
Minutes compiled by: Rebecca Turner