

TMAC MEETING NOTES – 1/14/09

Attendance: Meredith Page, Kate Fitzpatrick, Tony DelGaizo, John Kraemer, Rick Merson, Paul Gordon, Tom Stokes, Rebecca Turner, David Callaghan

Guest: Kostas Tsiroyannis (868 Highland Avenue)

7:00

Two of the three new members to the committee were welcomed and introduced: David Callaghan and Rebecca Turner. The third new member, Margaret Murphy was unable to attend the meeting due to an illness in her family.

CENTRAL AVENUE, NEAR THE NORTH HILL DRIVEWAY (M. Hersey)

At the December meeting, Marion Hersey, 881 Central Ave. requested that the speed limit be lowered to 25 mph to make it safer to cross Central Ave. Meredith is particularly sorry to find that the speed limit is 35mph at Bess Road, just before the North Hill driveway until Webster Street going East. This area is where we get the most complaints about the difficulty crossing Central Avenue. Tony and Rick stated that the speed limit cannot be changed. They also pointed out that a traffic signal at Forest Street and Central Avenue has been put on the capital project list. A letter similar to the one sent to Sally Toran, dated July 29, 2008, should be sent to Marion Hersey to inform her of the future planned light.

INTERSECTION OF FOURTH AVE./KENDRICK ST. (R. Hutchinson, Jr.)

On 12/14/08 Mr. Robert B. Hutchinson, Jr., The Chevriot Corp., 55 Fourth Ave. requested a traffic light at Fourth Ave./Kendrick St. It could not be dealt with at the Dec. 10th meeting. It was voted that a letter be sent to Mr. Hutchinson similar to the letter sent to Mr. June Seraydar on Sept. 27, 2006, referring to the future work to be done on Kendrick Street.

OCTOBER 15, 2008 MINUTES

The minutes to the October 15, 2008 meeting were accepted as revised.

NEW BUSINESS:

HIGHLAND AVENUE, near #868 (K. Tsiroyannis)

Mr. Tsiroyannis has moved his business, The Mayfair Cleaners, into the new building at 868 Highland Avenue. He requests parking signs in front of the new building. People are parking there all day long and there is no parking for his customers. The area used to be a gas station with no sidewalks. The committee voted to have parking meters place in that area, excluding the bus stop near Mark Lee Road, when the weather permits it. John Kraemer will look into doing something temporary until the meters can be installed. He will particularly look into the all day parking, what is the peak time and determine how many meters can be placed there.

WEST STREET AND HIGHLAND AVENUE near CVS (R. Selgrade)

Rebecca Selgrade would like something done about the parking on West Street between the entrance and exit to the CVS/Trader Joe shopping plaza. She stressed a visibility problem coming out of the parking lot onto West Street. The committee decided that parking meters should be placed in that section of West Street. The area will be evaluated to determine how many parking spaces can be there with a triangle at each end to add better visibility. Again the weather will determine when this can be done.

OVERNIGHT PARKING REQUESTS

John Kraemer presented a list of overnight parking requests. The committee voted to accept the Parking Committees recommendations. Twenty-five permits were approved and two requests were denied. Those that were approved will be notified to pay \$25 to gain their one year parking permit.

TRAFFIC SAFETY ON VALLEY ROAD (S. Beranger)

Susan Beranger and some neighbors in the Valley Road/Norwich Road area presented safety concerns at the Oct. 15, 2008 meeting because of the speeding cars cutting through their neighborhood. She contacted the committee on Jan. 13, 2009 to say that the problem continues. They appreciated that a speed sign was placed there within days of the meeting, but they need more help. Tony DelGaizo, DPW Engineering Division, will notify her of their traffic and speed study. It is believed that many of the drivers live in the neighborhood and perhaps contacting neighbors would help the problem. John Kraemer also recommended that they should contact the Police Department or the Registry of Motor Vehicles with license plate # of the more frequent cars that are creating the problem. John stated that the speeds she reported in her first letter were not supported. The speed board and the traffic count tubes will be placed in the area in the Spring.

The committee will accept with deep regret the resignation of long time member, Jack Cogswell.

Rebecca Turner has agreed to be the committee's Secretary.

The next meeting is scheduled for 2/11/09 at the Broadmeadow Media Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.