



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, July 26, 2018
6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Location: **War Memorial Building**
156 W. Elm Street
Brockton, MA 02301

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum
3. Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the June 28, 2018.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **HOVENDON STREET AND WINTER STREET – MCKINLEY PARK**
Request received from Mayor Carpenter for signage, lights and either installing or repainting ladder crosswalk.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **CROSSWALK WEST JUNCTION ON HOVENDON ST. BY SHELDON ST.**
- **CROSSWALK SIGN IN FRONT OF POLE #4 ON HOVENDON ST.**
- **2ND CROSSWALK SIGN ACROSS THE STREET FROM POLE#4 (WB)**
- **ON POLE #1 NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER TO WINTER ST.**

2. **OAK STREET ENTRANCE TO D.W. FIELD PARK**
Request received from Mayor Carpenter for either installing or repainting crosswalks and install pedestrian signal.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: REPAINT CROSSWALKS - ADDITIONAL INFO TO FOLLOW

3. **827 PEARL STREET**

Request received by Craig Pina on behalf of Cary and Paula Snow of 827 Pearl Street regarding the rebuilding of Cumberland Farms. They stated that it is very dangerous at times there due to the fact that trucks park on the sidewalks on both sides of Pearl St to go into Cumberland Farms to get coffee. They wanted to request that the city put "No Parking Any Time" signs on both sides to prevent this problem from continuing.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

WEST SIDE SOUTH BOUND TRAFFIC PEARL S.T ACROSS FROM CUMBERLAND FARMS

- **MHB MARKER 13 FEET NO PARKING SIGN**
- **121 FT. NO PARKING SIGN**
- **204 FT. NO PARKING SIGN**
- **300 FT. NO PARKING SIGN**
- **385 FT. NO PARKING SIGN**
- **510 FT. NO PARKING SIGN**

4. **LELAND STREET**

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for a One Way street sign heading west.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **ONE WAY SIGNS ON LELAND ST. (2)**
- **ADD TWO STOP SIGNS END OF LELAND ST. BY GERALD AVE.**
- **ADD TWO DO NOT ENTER SIGNS ON LELAND ST. BY GERALD AVE.**
- **REMOVE STOP SIGN ON LELAND ST. BY N. CARY QUINCY ST.**

5. **INTERSECTION OF EAST ASHLAND STREET AND NORTH QUINCY STREET**

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of residents for "Single Lane" signage northbound and southbound on North Quincy Street before the intersection.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.

6. **NORWICH ROAD**

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for posted speed limit signs and "Slow Children" signs on both ends of Norwich Road.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD.

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7. **TINA AVENUE**

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of the residents on Tina Ave who would like some "Slow Children" signs because of people speeding on newly paved road.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **BETWEEN #15 AND #21 EAST BOUND TRAFFIC 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN**
- **BETWEEN #156 TO #146 WEST BOUND TRAFFIC 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN**

8. **EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL – 464 CENTRE STREET**

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard on behalf of a parent who called about re-painting crosswalks and also one of those flashing signs.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **PAINT CROSSWALKS**
- **FLASHING SIGN APPROVED PENDING FUNDING FOR RRFB**

9. **VFW PARKWAY – JAMES J. ADAMS GARAGE**

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard for a crosswalk for City Hall employees to use when they come out of the parking garage and for a sign that says caution in huge letters "pedestrian crossing".

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **BOTH EXISTING CUTOUTS CROSSWALKS (BY POLICE AND FIRE MEMORIALS)**
- **REPLACE NO PARKING SIGN ON 2ND POST SOUTH SIDE EAST OF MAIN ST. WITH CROSSWALK SIGN**

10. **NOYES AVENUE AND CARLTON AVENUE**

Request received from Gertrude Vocci for a Stop sign at the end of Noyes Avenue and Carlton Avenue.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE STOP SIGN FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

11. **15 ELLIS STREET**

Request received from Orgeo Berto of 15 Ellis Street, requesting a Slow Down sign on the street due to cars speeding. Also, he states that there are a lot of children living on Ellis Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: REFER TO POLICE ENFORCEMENT.

12. **SHIELDS AVENUE AND MILL STREET**

REQUEST: From Ward 3 Councilor, City Council President Dennis Eaniri and Councilor-at-Large Robert Sullivan, for a STOP sign at Shields Ave., and Mill Street, (headed west direction). Request is coming from Gary Epstein, owner of Timeless Antiques. He has traffic related issues. Mr. Epstein will be present at the meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: MORE INFO NEEDED FOR SIGN PLACEMENT.

13. **CRESCENT STREET**

Request received from Heather Russell and Councilor Anne Beauregard who would like a bright fluorescent crosswalk painted on Crescent Street by Miko's and a blinking flashing light (picture attached).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: POSTPONE

14. **217 NILSSON STREET**

Request received from Linda Fulton who resides at 217 Nilsson Street who would like a guardrail installed due to an accident that took place on her street where the driver went through her fence.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: 30 FT GUARDRAIL WEST SIDE OF KELLOG AVE.

15. **GERALYN ROAD**

Request received from Councilor Susan Nicaastro who is requesting a "No Loitering" and/or "No Littering" sign on the portion of GERALYN ROAD that ends at a cul de sac beside the wetland. Residents informed her that cars pull into the cul de sac to do mischief.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: PLACE NO DUMPING POLICE TAKE NOTICE SIGN AT THE CUL DE SAC.

16. **70 TILTON AVENUE**

Request received from Brian McGuire of 70 Tilton Avenue requesting a 4-way stop sign be installed at Tilton Avenue and Levering Street due to the high volume of cars speeding by.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: FURTHER ACCIDENT HISTORY AND OBSERVATION NEEDED. *Secretary requested 7/10/19

17. **NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL**

Letter received from Mary-Joe Perry of MassDOT in response to 3/29/18 Traffic Commission request relating to guidance/permission for proceeding with design and implementation as required under c.85, §2 for school zone within state highway Route 28 limits.

AT THE 6/28/18 MEETING VOTED: TO CONTINUE THE ISSUE OF THE NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE LIGHTS UNTIL NEXT MONTH.

From 2/22/18 Traffic Commission Agenda:

NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL – 1690 MAIN STREET

Request received from the New Heights Charter School, Head of School, Mrs. Janice Manning, who would like to discuss their needs for signs and crosswalks. Initially, Mrs. Manning was referred to the state because the state highway ends after the school's driveway. Mrs. Manning contacted the state who referred her to the MUTCD Section 7E-5 School Zone Signs on State Highways. According to Mrs. Manning, they further highlighted pages 66 & 67 which highlighted the following language:

7E-5 School Zone Signs on State Highways

"It is the policy of the department to install standard warning signs at all approaches to potentially hazardous locations. In the case of a school abutting a State Highway, the Department will, by permit, authorize the establishment of School Zones at the request of the municipality wherein the highway lies. All costs for the establishment and maintenance of a school zone speed limit on State Highway shall be borne by the municipality. A permit for each School Zone will be issued to the municipality setting forth the applicable terms for the zone operation."

SIGN REQUEST FORM UPDATE – *Posted on City's website (Board members: see attached).*

NEW BUSINESS

18. **155 WINTHROP STREET**

Brockton resident Maureen Fenton at [155 Winthrop Street](#) states she would like either a "No Parking" sign or "Resident Parking Only" sign due to her having difficulty exiting her driveway. She is an elderly woman and says although she doesn't have any problems with the people at Edgar's park, it is the parking that gets a little out of control. When cars are parked on both sides of her driveway, she can't see properly coming out especially with Winthrop Street being a two way street.

19. **BROCKTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY & ENTERPRISE CENTER CONSTRUCTION TEAM**

Request received from City Planner Rob May requesting that Robert Jenkins from the BRA and the Enterprise Center garage Construction Management team appear to discuss construction of the garage and the alterations to Petronelli Way during said construction. The center section of Petronelli Way will need to be closed and the ends at Main and Montello converted to two-way traffic.

20. **985 PLEASANT STREET – WESTSIDE COLONIAL**

Request received from Rose Davids, of Hamilton Oaks for a guardrail near the main entrance/pool, at the fence area in light of the recent accidents (Board members: email & pictures attached).

21. **NORTH MAIN STREET & WILDER, STUDLEY & WALDO STREETS**

Request received from Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of a resident of Wilder street to have the commission relook at speeding and traffic signage along North Main St. and side streets Wilder, Studley and Waldo streets.

22. **FOREST AVENUE & BOUVE AVENUE**

Request received from Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan to accept and adopt a intersection improvement plan for Forest Ave & Bouve including:

Install Traffic Signal Ahead Signs (MUTDC Sign W3-3) for Forest Ave & Bouve Ave as recommended in a CDM report on improvements to the existing traffic signals. Signs to be placed a minimum of 100' from the intersection.

23. **ROCKFORD STREET**

Request received from Councilor Tim Cruise on behalf of Erin Leach-Ogden, who reside at 47 Rockford Street, regarding ongoing safety issues the entire time they have lived here. Below are the issues and some possible solutions, as well as an image of the street map (Board members: see attached) where the issues take place:

- 1. There is **no posted Speed limit** on Rockford Street, so many cars routinely speed down our street with absolute carelessness, as they use Rockford as a "shortcut" to get from Torrey Street to Belmont (via Bigney), or vice versa. If Speed limit signs could be posted and monitored, I believe that may help somewhat.*
- 2. There are **no stop signs in ANY direction** at the 4-way intersection of Rockford St, Dawes Rd and Rockland Ave, and I witness near-miss accidents on a WEEKLY basis (including during the time it's taken me to write this note)!! No one is actually required to stop, so cars are routinely pulling onto Rockford Street into oncoming traffic. That combined with the speeding makes for a very dangerous spot. I recommend having Stop signs installed for at least one of the directions so that this safety issue does not continue.*

3. There are **no sidewalks on Rockford Street**, so the fact that people are speeding down the street makes it even more unsafe for pedestrians, including children riding their bikes and walking to and from their bus stop, etc. My husband and I have BOTH almost been struck by cars going too fast and/or almost running through the stop sign at the intersection of Rockford and Bigney.

It is very frustrating to feel unsafe on our own street, particularly when we see that the neighborhood just across Torrey Street (on Fairview Ave) has extra-wide streets that are beautifully paved and include new concrete sidewalks, while our road continues to be neglected. It feels as if those with a higher income who live closer to Thorny Lea golf course get better services from the city than those of us who are working class and live 1/10th of a mile further. We pay our property taxes on time and without fail, so why the disparity in road safety and quality? I realize that Brockton is a large city and there are many roads that need attention, so I do not send this message frivolously.

24. **SOUTHWORTH STREET, WEST CHESTNUT STREET, COPELAND STREET**

Request for clarification received from Stephen Ippolito, resident of 47 Southworth Street on the truck weight limit/No Trucks signage on Southworth Street, West Chestnut Street and Copeland Street. Same issue has been brought up by Brewster Ambulance and First Student (Board members: emails attached).