

BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION Thursday, September 26, 2019 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 August 22, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 40-42 PARK STREET - UPDATE

Request received from Charles Vaughn, Jr., who resides at 42 Park Street for "Resident Only" sign as there is no parking after work for residents.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

SPEAK WITH COUNCILOR MONIHAN TO GET NEIGHBORHOOD CONSENSUS.

UPDATE: COMMISSIONER HALLISEY SPOKE WITH COUNCILOR MONAHAN WHO SPOKE WITH RESIDENTS BOTH ON PARK STREET AND RESIDENTS OF THE MULTI-FAMILY ON THE CORNER OF PARK STREET AND WARREN AVENUE. THE RESIDENTS IN THE MULTI-FAMILY WILL PARK ON WARREN AVENUE TO THE BRIDGE EXCEPT DURING THE WINTER PARKING BAN. "RESIDENT PARKING ONLY" SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP ON PARK STREET.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

TAKE NO ACTION AT THIS TIME. CONTINUE UNTIL NEXT MONTH FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

2. HILLBERG AVENUE & LONGWOOD AVENUE

Request received from Sean Murphy who resides at 77 Longwood Avenue and is requesting a "Stop" sign at the intersection of Hillberg Avenue and Longwood Avenue (on the Longwood Avenue side) due to multiple accidents at this intersection. (Board members: 3 year accident history previously provided).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. PLACE A "STOP AHEAD" SIGN ON POST WITH YELLOW STRIPE/TAPE @ 121 HILLBERG AVENUE EAST OF THE FIRE HYDRANT FOR WESTBOUND VEHICLES.
- 2. PLACE A "STOP AHEAD" SIGN ON POST WITH YELLOW STRIPE/TAPE IN FRONT OF 184 HILLBERG AVENUE @ THE STOCKADE FENCE FOR EASTBOUND VEHICLES.
- 3. DPW REMOVE SHRUBS ON NORTHWEST CORNER OF LONGWOOD AVENUE AND HILLBERG AVENUE HEADING EAST.
- 4. PLACE RED STRIPING ON ALL STOP SIGNS.
- 5. REPLACE STOP SIGN POST IF NEEDED.
- 6. CHANGE STREET LIGHT TO 185 DOUBLE LIGHT.
- 7. ADD STOP SIGNS AND PAINT TO MAKE LONGWOOD AVE 4 WAY STOP DUE TO MV ACCIDENTS.

3. WILDER STREET

Request received from Ward 7 Councilor Shirley Asack on behalf of resident Tyler Knowlton who is concerned that Wilder Street is being used as a cut through from North Main Street and North Montello Street. Speeding has become a safety issue for the kids who play near their homes. They would like to request signage that prevents through traffic from 3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Councilor Asack would also request police presence weekdays at peak hours 5:00 p.m. to enforce speed limit.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON BOTH ENDS OF STREET.

4. MERRITT AVENUE

Request received from Ward 6 Councilor Jack Lally requesting "No Parking" on the eastside of Merritt Avenue due to parking issues associated with neighborhood parties.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- "NO PARKING EITHER SIDE FROM HERE TO END OF STREET" ON POLE #1.
- 2. ADDITIONAL SIGN AND POST ACROSS FROM POLE #1 "NO PARKING EITHER SIDE HERE TO END OF STREET"
- 3. ADDITIONAL SIGN ON POLE #2 "NO PARKING EITHER SIDE" SIGN AND POST IN FRONT OF #21 MERRITT AVE "NO PARKING EITHER SIDE"

5. NORTH CARY STREET FROM NORTH QUINCY STREET TO TOBY ROAD

Request received from Ward 6 Councilor Jack Lally to make one way for southbound traffic from North Quincy Street to Toby Road (southbound traffic has to continue onto North Cary Street and turn onto Toby Road).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

 REQUEST MEETING WITH OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC) FOR FURTHER ACTION.

6. NORTH QUINCY STREET BEFORE NORTH CARY STREET

Request received from Ward 6 Councilor Jack Lally to install "No Left Turn" sign on North Quincy Street before North Cary Street for northbound traffic.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

 REQUEST MEETING WITH OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC) FOR FURTHER ACTION.

7. HEIDI'S PLACE, 685 WARREN AVENUE

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro and Ward 3 City Councilor Dennis Eaniri on behalf of Mr. Alex Kosmidis, co-owner of Heidi's Place Restaurant, 685 Warren Avenue, following the building recently being struck by a car for the 6th time in six years. They request erection of bollards and/or some action that will deter cars from hitting the building, and such other relief as the Traffic Commission deems appropriate.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

• NO PARKING WEST SIDE ON WARREN AVENUE FROM FOREST AVENUE TO FLORENCE STREET.

8. CARL AVENUE

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of a Carl Avenue resident, to take measures to reduce the speeds of motor vehicles driving aka flying along Carl Avenue at all times of day and night, including placement of one or more stop signs and increased police presence, and such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem acceptable.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. "STOP" SIGN FIXED ON SOUTHFIELD DRIVE AND CARL AVENUE
- 2. ADDITIONAL SIGNS AND PAINT FOR 4 WAY STOP ON THE INTERSECTION OF CARL AVENUE AND SOUTHFIELD DRIVE.

9. PROVOST STREET TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Request received from Jennifer Johnson who has lived on Provost Street for the past 35 years and is requesting that speed humps are put on the street to slow down the traffic and hopefully stop the street from being used as a cut thru.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- PLACE A SIGN AND POST IN FRONT OF #13 PROVOST STREET "25MPH"
- 2. ADDITIONAL SIGN ON POLE IN FRONT OF #132 PROVOST STREET TAKING DOWN "CHILDREN AT PLAY" AND REPLACED WITH "25 MPH SIGN".

10. FENWAY CIRCLE

Request received from Lusant Brown-Fisher who resides at 24 Fenway Circle for a "Slow Children At Play" sign due to speeding vehicles.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. MOVE STOP SIGN ON FENWAY CIRCLE (SE CORNER) IN FRONT OF TREE.
- 2. ADDITIONAL SIGN ON NEW POST (SW CORNER) "STOP" SIGN.
- 3. SIGN ON POLE #1 (SLOW).
- 4. POST AND SIGN BY POPLAR ROAD NORTH BOUND TRAFFIC (SLOW).

11. 92 ALDEN STREET

Request received from Samuel Trotman who resides at 92 Alden Street for a "No Parking" sign on Sawtell Avenue due to neighbors constantly parking on the grassed sidewalk which is causing land and property destruction.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

NO ACTION AT THIS TIME FURTHER INFO NEEDED.

12. GREENWOOD ROAD

Request received from Councilor Anne Beauregard on behalf of the residents in houses in the back area of Trinity Baptist Church who have concerns about construction that will be taking place. They would like a plan in place with the trucks and such because the area is so tight.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

• NO ACTION AT THIS TIME.

NEW BUSINESS

13. 226 MAIN STREET

Request received from David Capaldo of Bond Brothers, requesting to temporarily relocated traffic lanes adjacent to our construction site at 226 Main Street. Attached is a drawing indicating specifics for our request. We would like to temporarily remove approximately five parking spaces on the West side of main street to accommodate a shift in the Main Street travel lanes and turning lane onto Crescent Street to provide a safe environment for travelling vehicles, pedestrians, and construction personnel.

14. MAIN STREET & PERKINS AVENUE

Request received by Councilor Anne Beauregard to discuss the handicap ramps and signs in Campello area and how so many of them are wrong. This was discussed at a recent Parking Authority meeting. According to Bob Malley, "they were discussing problems with enforcement on Main St and Perkins Ave. There is a handicap ramp to nowhere in front of the Sunset Cafe on the corner of Perkins and Main. The ramp is on the sidewalk leading to Main St but the street is painted like a regular parking spot and the crosswalk is located back at the corner. I have told our guys not to ticket this space even with the ramp there as the space is not correctly marked."

15. MERIAN'S

John Merian is requesting to eliminate 2 parking spaces in front of his off street parking entrance in order to use side lot for parking. Also, place proper signage on L Street.

16. LOUIS STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally for 25 mph speed limit signs on Louis Street.

17. AMES STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally to revisit "No Parking" regulations on the south side of Ames Street.

18. WEST CHESTNUT STREET & ASH STREET

Request received from Ward 3 Councilor Dennis Eaniri for a discussion regarding the installation of a working Traffic Light at West Chestnut Street and Ash Street. The request is coming from constituents, living in this area. The traffic in this area is becoming overwhelming, cars always speeding and making it difficult to enter West Chestnut Street and Ash Street. (Board Members: Attached is proposal from Tighe&Bond for professional engineering services to study this intersection).

19. NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL – 1690 MAIN STREET & 661 CENTRE STREET

Request received from Janice Manning, Director of Operations, New Heights Charter School: As you may recall, I went before the Traffic Commission to request School signage to be put in front of New Heights Charter School of Brockton to ensure the safety of Brockton's students. As a result of my initial meeting before the Brockton Traffic Commission, on February 22, 2018, I received an email On March 30, 2018 which read that the Traffic Commission contacted the MA DOT to obtain a recommendation and guidance in this matter.

I have not received any contact from the Brockton Traffic Commission since this the last email. Therefore, I am writing to request to be added to the agenda at the next Brockton Traffic Commission meeting to obtain an update and timeframe on this matter.

In addition, New Heights Charter School of Brockton has continued to expand, and it became necessary for the School to open a second location: 661 Centre St. in Brockton. As a result, I am requesting that the appropriate signage to be placed at this site as well. (Board Members: copy of prior Minutes, MA DOT response, letter to BPB attached).

20. CDM ON CALL PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES – DAN MURPHY, JR., P.E.

Request to authorize and execute contract for continued services for FY20. (Board Members: copy of contract attached).

SIGN REQUESTS:

21. 182 MARKET STREET

Request received from Jennifer Cintron of 182 Market Street who is requesting a guardrail in front of her home (or to the corner) due to accidents and feeling unsafe.

22. 73 CARY STREET

Request received from Maria Miranda, who is requesting a "Deaf" sign along with a "Do Not Block Driveway" sign. She states that traffic is horrible and that there is a traffic light up ahead but no one will let her leave her driveway.

23. AMES STREET & INTERVALE STREET

Request received from Tina Johnson of 107 Ames Street, for a "Stop" sign and "Slow Down Children" sign due to speeding, almost been hit and children crossing.

24. COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE

Request received from Claudio Miranda of 27 Cottage Grove Avenue, who is requesting a "Dead End" signs on pole #3 in front of 26 Cottage Grove Avenue (after Curtis Street). The street is a dead end with no other outlet to another street.