



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, January 28, 2021

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6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Quorum*
3. *Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the December 3, 2020 Minutes.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. PEDESTRIAN LIGHT - 1380 MAIN STREET

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of residents of BHA's Campello Housing Authority complex for a pedestrian light and crosswalk to be installed in front of 1380 Main Street to better protect elderly and disabled residents who wish to cross the street. I make this second request in light of a tenant recently being struck by a vehicle while crossing South Main Street.

VOTED: DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF SOLOMON WILL PROVIDE UPDATE.

2. HOWARD STREET

Request received by Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of Sandra Terry who resides at 539 Howard Street and is concerned about speeding.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: POLICE ENFORCEMENT FOR SPEEDING

3. WEST ELM STREET

Request received from the Brockton Parking Authority to install "No Parking" signs near 47 West Elm Street because people are parking on the left side (north side heading east) and when ticketed, their response is that there is no signage.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **MAIN TO WARREN NORTH SIDE OF STREET "NO PARKING" SIGNS**
- **"NO PARKING THIS SIDE" WITH ARROWS ON PROPERTY LINE BETWEEN 47 AND 65 WEST ELM STREET**
- **"NO PARKING THIS SIDE" WITH ARROWS ON PROPERTY LINE BETWEEN 95 AND 65 WEST ELM STREET**

4. MCGRATH AVENUE @ HEMLOCK STREET

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicaastro on behalf of several nearby residents:

(1) to relocate the stop sign on McGrath Avenue at Hemlock Street so that it is closer to the corner and therefore more visible to drivers;

(2) to make that stop sign illuminated or blinking so that it catches the eyes of drivers; and

(3) to erect 'No Parking' signage on both sides of McGrath Avenue and Hemlock Street close to the intersection of the two streets to eliminate blind spots and Parked cars or buses dangerously narrowing the road so that passing vehicles may safely turn from one street to the other, or for such other relief addressing these three issues as the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **MCGRATH AVENUE STREET SIGN NEEDED**
- **"NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE" WEST SIDE 50 FEET NORTHERLY FROM HEMLOCK STREET (REAR DRIVEWAY #20 HEMLOCK ST)**

- **"NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE" 25 FEET NORTHERLY EAST SIDE (AT END OF GUARDRAIL)**

6. MORAINÉ STREET AND WEST ELM STREETS

My name is Joanna Creighton, and I reside at 400 West Elm Street, East. I need for someone to take this matter seriously, as we are growing concerned regarding the constant traffic accidents which occur at the intersections of Moraine and West Elm Streets.

At approximately 1:15pm today, we have (what I believe to be) the 5th accident within the past 30 days. There were two which occurred within 2 hours of each other. At this time, I am asking that you seriously consider adding a 4-way traffic signal to these corners. I do understand that we are in trying times, and money is not readily available for this; but the addition of traffic signals needs to seriously be considered.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **MORAINÉ STREET SOUTH BOUND STANDARD SIGN "STOP AHEAD" ADJACENT TO POLE #25 (2FT NORTH)**
- **ADDITIONAL STOP SIGN WITH RED STRIPE NE CORNER SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC**
- **MOVE "STOP AHEAD" SIGN FOR NORTH BOUND TRAFFIC APPROACHING WEST ELM STREET IN FRONT OF POLE #29 EAST SIDE.**
- **STOP SIGN WITH RED STRIPE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF MORAINÉ STREET CLOSE TO THE WALL.**

THIS WOULD MAKE A DOUBLE STOP SIGN ON MORAINÉ STREET BOTH WAYS APPROACHING WEST ELM STREET.

NEW BUSINESS

7. 346 FOREST AVENUE

Request received from Latoya Scott who resides at 346 Forest Avenue who is requesting barriers on all 4 corners of the intersection of Forest Avenue and Ash Street and any other safety recommendations due to the numerous accidents and property damage sustained.

(Board members: attached is accident history spreadsheet).

8. IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE

Request received from Councilor-At-Large Rita Mendes and Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Helena Andrade:

This past year, my family and I continue to search for answers regarding the unfortunate and tragic loss of our late beloved Aunt, Maria Graca. She was a mother, a wife, a daughter, an aunt, and a best friend to many, sadly a victim of vehicle homicide. The accident occurred on South main street directly across Vincent's Tropical Groceries. If you are familiar with the area, you'll recall that South Main street is a relatively long strip of busy, poorly lit commercial area with a mixture of residential roads. Your first traffic light starts at Maple Ave, later to be followed by the second set of lights on South street intersection. Roughly 1.4 miles apart. Sadly, Maria was not the only victim killed; there was Mr. Taveras, who was struck by a vehicle in the same manner and on the same street just months apart from each other. Please reference

[:https://www.enterpriseneews.com/news/20191210/brockton-woman-struck-by-police-cruiser-succumbs-to-injuries](https://www.enterpriseneews.com/news/20191210/brockton-woman-struck-by-police-cruiser-succumbs-to-injuries)

How many more deaths must one inflict or experience to see change?

In all due respect to my late Aunt, and many other victims whose lives were taken from them due to unfortunate accidents that could have been avoided. I would like an opportunity to review and discuss the city's engineering and infrastructure plans. We have a chance to enhance our community's safety and preventing others from being victims of death.

Below I've outline potential improvements that can increase and protects our community by the following:

- Adding a sidewalk will decrease the potential of a vehicle homicide and increase safety: There is no adequate sidewalks*
- Adding a cross walk. It's a busy road with a lot of shops and people walking around, including children. There is no adequate crosswalks*
- Adding additional lighting to increase the visibility of traffic and residents. There is no adequate street lighting*

- *Adding traffic lights to keep people from speeding. It would decrease speeding. There is most certainly no Traffic Lights to break up the long road.*

How do I go about proposing Change to this neighborhood? What are the next steps? Maybe the answer is not just one infrastructural implantation but a combination of such.

I'm open to ideas and welcome your feedback. I hope we can partner to discuss ways to increase public safety and decrease deaths.

9. ELVERA'S CAFÉ - 132 MAIN STREET

Request received from Councilor Jeff Thompson on behalf of Sandra Martin, owner of Elvera's Cafe, 132 Main Street, to install a 15 minute parking sign in front of her coffee shop for her patrons.

10. SOUTHWORTH STREET & WEST CHESTNUT STREET

Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri on behalf of a constituent to discuss the safety issues at this location. The guardrail that was there was knocked down for the 3rd time in 2 years. Councilor Eaniri would like to also discuss the possibility of placing boulders or concrete barriers there. (Board members: attached is accident history spreadsheet).

11. HILLBERG AVENUE

Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri requesting four (4) 30 MPH signs placed on Hillberg Avenue, from Warren Avenue to Longwood Avenue (going East to West. Hillberg Avenue was newly repaved last spring/summer 2020. We now have a speeding problem. I have received several calls from residents of the street as well as those who travel the street, including myself. Please send this item to sub-committee for review, and I will be present at that meeting.

12. OAK STREET

Request received from Kathleen Downes who resides on Oak Street and requests that the speed limit be enforced. She has noticed an increase in heavy truck traffic with the trucks barreling through at 50 mph all day and night.

13. PEARL STREET

Email request forwarded from Councilor Dennis Eaniri from Maryann Calnan as follows:

I am a resident of Ward 3D for 26 years and I think that Brockton is a great city. My concerns at this time are:

There needs to be a change in the traffic lights in the following areas:

1. Corner of Pearl and Torrey St -- arrows would be very helpful because making left turns at the corners, it is very difficult to see what is coming from Rte 138 up to the intersection. Too many drivers honk if you don't move ahead quickly, but it is difficult to see, some people do not use their directionals, and at certain times of day, sun glare is a dangerous factor.

2. The large intersection where Cumberland Farms is located on Belmont and Pearl is better than in years past, but there is still a strong need for better arrow lights for each direction. You know that there are too many accidents there. Numerous times I have witnessed cars and trucks blowing/speeding through yellow lights and even red lights because it is such a wide area and they hope to get through..... very scary.

14. DORIS AVENUE & KENELWORTH AVENUE

Request received from Ethan Lawless who resides at 40 Doris Avenue and is requesting a guardrail with arrows and a curve sign. He states this is a dangerous curve with multiple property damage (2 fire hydrants, telephone pole and cars running up to lawn 4 times).

15. CHARITY GUILD - 501 MAIN STREET

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicaastro on behalf of The Charity Guild, 501 Main Street, to increase the size of the parking area on the Dover Street side of Building to make it easier for trucks of the Greater Boston Food Bank and others to deliver food and supplies.

16. NETFLIX MOVIE

Commissioner Porcaro would like to discuss the anticipated traffic/parking issues related to the upcoming Netflix movie being filmed in the city. (Board members: see aerial map attached).

***THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021. DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO**

THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021.