



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

**VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**

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**6:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Quorum*
3. *Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the March 25, 2021 Minutes.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. PEDESTRIAN LIGHT - 1380 MAIN STREET**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastrro 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 be 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: TO POSTPONE UNTIL THE APRIL 22, 2021 MEETING TO OBTAIN UPDATE ON ENGINEERING STUDY.**

**2. 611 EAST ASHLAND STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of Dan Dernier who resides at 611 East Ashland Street and is requesting a "Blind Driveway" sign. Mr. Dernier states that his driveway can't be seen coming up or going down the Street.*

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **INSTALL A NEW "BLIND DRIVEWAY" SIGN ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE EASTBOUND LANE OF E. ASHLAND STREET JUST PAST CONNELL STREET NEAR THE SEWER DRAIN/CATCH BASIN.**

### **3. ENDICOTT STREET**

*Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of Eric Osborne who resides at 12 Endicott Street and is requesting a 25mph speed limit sign and stop signs on Endicott Street. He states that few of his neighbors and himself have had a problem with cars driving in the neighborhood well over 30mph and also not stopping at the top of Royal Road when turning right or left onto Endicott Street. Also, not slowing down at the end of Endicott Street turning left or right onto Leahy Road.*

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **INSTALL TWO STOPS SIGNS:**
  1. **ONE SIGN AT THE WESTBOUND LANE OF ROYAL ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION OF ENDICOTT STREET AND,**
  2. **THE OTHER SIGN AT THE NORTHBOUND LANE OF ENDICOTT ROAD AT LEAHY ROAD.**
- **PUT THE 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGN REQUEST ON THE LIST FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW.**

### **4. SOUTH LEYDEN STREET**

*Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicaastro on behalf of residents of South Leyden Street, for the erection of two stop signs on S. Leyden at the intersection of Coral Street, to make it a four-way intersection, to address speeding and drag racing on the street, or such other relief as the Commission may determine will deter vehicles frequently being operated at excessive speeds through this nice Ward 4 neighborhood.*

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **THIS SAME ISSUE WAS LOOKED INTO AND NOT FAVORABLY VOTED UPON BY THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION WITHIN THE PAST TWO YEARS. IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER ANYTHING HAS CHANGED THAT WOULD REQUIRE A REVERSAL OF THE PREVIOUS COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF THE 4-WAY STOP SIGN INTERSECTION. STATE REGULATION WOULD MOST LIKELY PROHIBIT THE CREATION OF A 4-WAY STOP SIGN INTERSECTION AT S. LEYDEN STREET AND CORAL STREET, PARTICULARLY SINCE SUCH 4-WAY INTERSECTIONS ARE USED AS AN INITIAL FIRST STEP IN SIGNALIZING THE LOCATION AND THE AREA IS POSSIBLY NOT A LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH MANY ACCIDENTS.**

- REQUEST AN ACCIDENT HISTORY OF THE LOCATION, AND IF THE DATA INDICATES THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM, POSSIBLY REVISIT THE ISSUE OF THE STOP SIGNS.
- CONTINUE THE VISIBLE POLICE PRESENCE AND FOCUSED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA.

## **5. GORDON STREET**

*Request forwarded from Councilor-At-Large Mendes and Councilor Dennis Eaniri on behalf of Sonja Dubuisson, who resides on Gordon Street and is concerned about speeding and the high volume of traffic at the intersection of Gordon Street and Forest Avenue. She has witnessed pedestrians almost getting hit even though there was a newly placed pedestrian walk. Something needs to be done about this and I think it would be a great idea to make Gordon Street a one way so that cars can come down Gordon Street from Forest Ave but not come up from Ash. This would decrease traffic, control speeding better and make Gordon a more pleasant street to live on. This idea would also not interfere with the direction of Breer Street which is also a one way. This one way would be in the opposite direction.*

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- BREER STREET, WHICH RUNS FROM FOREST AVENUE TO ASH STREET AND IS ONE STREET WEST OF THIS LOCATION, IS ALREADY A ONE-WAY STREET (TRAFFIC IS ALLOWED FROM ASH STREET OUT TO FOREST AVENUE). MAKING GORDON STREET A ONE-WAY FROM FOREST AVENUE TO ASH STREET WOULD PLACE AN INCONVENIENCE ON THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND DRIVE IN THAT AREA.
- SUGGEST THAT THE BROCKTON DPW CONSIDER INSTALLING A SIDEWALK WITH GRANITE-EDGE STONES FOR THE PEDESTRIANS TO USE ON GORDON STREET.
- REPLACE AND/OR INSTALL NEW "CAUTION: PEDESTRIAN" SIGNS (ONE CLOSER TO ASH STREET AND THE OTHER CLOSER TO FOREST AVENUE).

## **6. SIGN REQUEST: FOREST ROAD**

*Sign Request form received from Sybil Hambley who resides at 25 Forest Road and is requesting "No Parking This Side" and "Slow Children" signs. Ms. Hambley states that vans and trucks park on both sides of Forest Road and children play in the area making it difficult to see traffic on the street. (Additional sign requests received from Heather Bishop of 11 Forest Road, Luisa Silva of 16 Forest Road and Teresa Maloney of 21 Forest Road).*

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- **ENCOURAGE THE NEIGHBORS TO CALL THE BROCKTON POLICE WHEN PARKING OR OTHER ISSUES ARE OBSERVED.**
- **INCREASE VISIBLE POLICE PRESENCE AND ENFORCEMENT.**
- **THE PARKING AND OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD PROBLEMS MAY BE THE RESULT OF OTHER NON-TRAFFIC RELATED ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SO-CALLED PROBLEM ADDRESS. THIS ISSUE AND THE ADDRESS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE CITY'S QUALITY OF LIFE TASK FORCE FOR POSSIBLE FOLLOW-UP.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **7. 20 HEMLOCK STREET**

*"Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicaastro on behalf of a resident for a "No Parking Here to Corner" sign in front on 20 Hemlock Street, which is on the corner of McGrath Avenue, or such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem appropriate. There is often a vehicle parked here, so close to the street corner that Residents have trouble safely driving their vehicles past to get out to Clinton Street. " (BOARD MEMBERS: COUNCILOR NICASTRO SENT 2 EMAILS WITH ATTACHMENTS IN SUPPORT OF HER REQUEST THAT INCLUDED MAPS OF THE AREA AND PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE INTERSECTION WHERE PARKED VEHICLE BLOCKS VIEW AT INTERSECTION. THESE EMAILS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED TO THE BOARD MEMBERS).*

### **8. MANLEY STREET**

*Request forwarded by Councilor Dennis Eaniri via See-Click-Fix:*

*It is time Manley Street in Brockton has guardrails installed. Ever since Manley St/Belmont St/ West Chestnut St was built up with businesses Manley St has had one too many Vehicle Accidents. Another accident just happened 03/22/2021 where a vehicle flipped over and shut down Manley St. A few months ago someone hit a telephone pole on Manley St and knocked it down. The list could go on and on. Manley Street NEEDS guard rails once and for all at least at the bend in the road towards West Chestnut St. that is where a majority of accidents happen. Please look up accident reports on Manley St in Brockton and you will see the amount that has occurred just in the past few years alone.*

9. **242 MAIN STREET (IDEAL PAWN)**

*Request received from Phil Cohen who owns the commercial building on Main St. directly at the end of Belmont St. The building has been hit by vehicles head on twice in the last three years doing considerable damage. No one was hurt thankfully but this could easily change the next time this happens. He is requesting that Bollards be put up on the sidewalk at the end of that intersection. Could you please contact me at (508) 341-6228 or JCT Properties, 242 Main St. Brockton, Ma 02301. Thanks in advance.*

10. **WEST ELM STREET AND MORAIN STREET**

*Email request received from Alyssa Regan: There are multiple accidents Every day that occurs in between Moraine Street and West Elm Street. This is very dangerous. If you could please consider a light.*

11. **SIGN REQUEST: YARMOUTH AVENUE, BREWSTER ROAD, SAGAMORE ROAD, DENNIS AVENUE, TORREY STREET AND HARWICH STREET**

*Request received from Jeffrey Barnes who is requesting stop signs, yield signs and weight restriction signs placed on Yarmouth Ave, Brewster Rd, Sagamore Rd., Dennis Ave., Torrey St., and Harwich St. Attached requested documents for road sign placements. As expressed on his request the road is not made to accommodate these big trucks along the general public speeding , not stopping. **(BOARD MEMBERS - SEE ATTACHMENTS)**.*

12. **SIGN REQUEST: CLIFTON AVENUE & CHURCHILL AVENUE**

*Sign request from received from Pam Harvey who resides at 116 Clifton Avenue and is requesting a two stop signs, one on Clifton Avenue and the second on Churchill Avenue. People are speeding throughout the day.*

13. **SIGN REQUEST: SPEED LIMIT, FLASHING YELLOW LIGHTS**

*Sign request form received from Trevor Tyrell who resides at 167 Ash Street and is requesting a speed limit sign and yellow flashing lights on Ash Street near the crosswalk by the Bent Playground. He states that drivers Disregard signs on road, excessive speeding and there have been hit and run Incidents.*

14. **MARY E. BAKER SCHOOL - QUINCY STREET**

*Request received from Dr. Jim Cobbs, Executive Director of Operations, Brockton Public Schools and Valerie Brower, Principal of the Mary E. Baker School to remove the "No Left Turn" signs posted. Principal Brower States that the signs were put up many years ago and the "traffic has changed dramatically. It is much more dangerous for everyone to take a right with a good amount turning into side streets, driveways, and just turning in the middle of Quincy Street to go the other direction. The traffic backs up from the light at Center Street to the school". Principal Brower assumes that the signs were put there so that the Court Street light didn't back up but with the additional traffic flow, she believes it makes sense to allow cars to approach both intersections. Principal Brower is also requesting barriers be moved.*

**\*THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021. DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021.**