



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Thursday, June 24, 2021

6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

Location: **Arnone School Auditorium**
135 Belmont Street
Brockton, MA 02301

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Quorum*
3. *Reading or Waiving and acceptance of the May 27, 2021 Minutes.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. CYPRESS DRIVE DEVELOPMENT

Email received from Joanne Zine who is reaching out to the Traffic Commission at the advice of Chief Ken Galligan. Mrs. Zine lives on what is currently the existing cul-de-sac on Cypress Drive. As you are probably aware, the city has approved an extension of Cypress to include approximately 800-1000 feet of roadway and 18 houses. This extension will dramatically affect the daily traffic on Cypress and turn what is an existing cul-de-sac into what can be considered a busy street. In an effort to mitigate the effect of this extension and to control the speed of traffic, she would like to propose that a cul-de-sac island, much like the ones currently existing on Briarcliff Road and Front Nine Drive be installed in the current cul-de-sac of Cypress Drive. This would affectively create a one way on either side of the island in both directions, significantly slowing traffic and would be a benefit to the existing residents of the street as well as the future residents of the extension.

Mrs. Zine and her husband own and operate DeZine Land Construction, Inc. and would gladly maintain this island. She has contacted her neighbors across the street and they are interested in participating in this process.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **A RESIDENT INDICATED THAT THIS STREET WAS ACCEPTED AS A "PUBLIC WAY" LAST YEAR. RECOMMEND THAT THAT TRAFFIC COMMISSION NOT OPPOSE THE CUL-DE-SAC IDEA, BUT THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS (SUCH AS DPW AND ENGINEERING) TO GET THEIR INPUT ON THIS. RECOMMEND THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FOR A FUTURE STATUS REVIEW.**

2. 7 KENDWOOD STREET

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of a resident for a 'no parking here to corner' sign in front of 7 Kenwood Street or such other relief as the Commission may deem appropriate. A 95-year-old lady lives here, the widow of WW2 and Pearl Harbor survivor George Hursey. Cars park close to corner near house front door blocking access by any emergency vehicles that may be called to help her. In addition, there is a fire hydrant nearby that keeps getting obstructed by Parked vehicles.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **INSTALL A "NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE" SIGN IN FRONT OF THIS ADDRESS.**

3. HOVENDON AVENUE

Email request from Lorraine Young who resides at 60 Hovendon Avenue was forwarded by Councilor Jack Lally. Ms. Young lives nearest to McKinley Park, and has lived there for 24yrs; a Brockton resident all her life. Recently, her street has turned into a raceway for Mac trucks, which never used this street previously. They go so fast my house shakes, day and night. I would like to request speed limit restrictions (25mph?), more speed limit signs, Go Slow signs, and anything else you think might help. Hovenden Ave is completely residential, and this type of noise and hazard will no doubt impact our property value and more importantly is a safety issue for Brockton, and a speed limit violation.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **THIS STREET IS SUPPOSED TO BE REPAVED IN AUGUST. FOR NOW, WE WILL FOCUS ON ENFORCEMENT.**

4. SIGN REQUEST – 353 SPRING STREET

Request received from Maria Pina, for a handicapped parking sign in front of her house because she is a very high risk for falls. (Note from Dr. Geoffrey Gilson dated 3/14/21 provided).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **INSTALL TWO (2) HANDICAP PARKING SIGNS IN FRONT OF THIS ADDRESS. RESIDENT/REQUESTOR WILL PROVIDE COPY OF HER HANDICAP PLACARD. THIS REQUEST AND THE CONTINUED NEED FOR THE SIGNS WILL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY.**

5. 132 BELAIR STREET

Request received from Joan Andrade who is requesting a barrier in front of her fence. Her fence has been hit and the pole damaged along with the reflectors on the fence when someone hit it. Ms. Andrade is requesting a barrier in the middle of her fence to prevent someone coming into her living room.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **REPLACE THE CURRENT YELLOW TRIANGLE SIGN WITH ONE DOUBLE-ARROW SIGN (24" X 48").**

6. 77 WENTWORTH AVENUE

Request received from Jazmine Glasgow who is requesting a "Curve Ahead" sign (nearest to pole #991) to keep people from hitting the guardrail in front of her house, driving into her yard and driveway. People have gotten hit.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **INSTALL A "CURVE AHEAD" SIGN IN FRONT OF 96 WENTWORTH AVENUE. REPLACE THE CURRENT SIGN IN FRONT OF 341 MENLO STREET WITH A REFLECTIVE "CURVE AHEAD" SIGN AND ADD REFLECTIVE STRIPING TO THIS SIGN POST.**

7. CYPRESS DRIVE AT ROCKLAND DRIVE

Request received from board member Ken Galligan on behalf of the residents of Cypress Drive who are requesting a "Dead End" sign on Cypress Drive at Rockland Drive. This request is made to make drivers aware prior to turning onto Cypress Drive that it is a dead end.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **MOVE THE CURRENT "DEAD END" SIGN AT CYPRESS DRIVE AND ROCKLAND DRIVE TO CYPRESS DRIVE AND ROCKLAND STREET. INSTALL A LARGER "DEAD END" SIGN AT THE FORMER SIGN'S LOCATION (CYPRESS AND ROCKLAND DRIVES).**

8. SIGN REQUEST - FRENCH AVENUE AND NILSSON STREET

Request received from Lynda Barton who resides at 101 Nilsson Street and is requesting stop signs on French Avenue and Nilsson Street making the intersection a 4-way stop.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **REQUEST AN ACCIDENT HISTORY. CUT THE VEGETATION BACK AND STRAIGHTEN THE STOP SIGN AT FRENCH AVENUE AT NILSSON STREET (SOUTHBOUND LANE). ADD RED REFLECTIVE STRIPING TO THE STOP SIGN AT FRENCH AVENUE AT NILSSON STREET (NORTHBOUND LANE).**

9. SIGN REQUEST – 295 GROVE STREET

Request received from Michael Deiuliis who is requesting “No Parking” sign at 295 Grove Street (odd side) because traffic is obstructed and emergency vehicles have a hard time getting by.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **MODIFY THE CURRENT NO PARKING REGULATION ON THE "EASTSIDE" OF GROVE STREET TO INSTEAD BE THE "WESTSIDE" OF GROVE STREET (DELETE "EASTSIDE" AND ADD/INSERT "WESTSIDE"). THE CURRENT REGULATION STARTS AT THE SUMMER STREET INTERSECTION AND EXTENDS 1000 FEET SOUTHWESTERLY ON GROVE STREET. THE WESTSIDE OF GROVE STREET HAS SEVERAL FEATURES THAT MAKE IT THE BETTER OPTION FOR THE NO PARKING REGULATION: UTILITY POLES FOR EASE IN MOUNTING SIGNS, FIRE HYDRANTS, AND THE REQUESTOR LIVES ON THIS SIDE OF THE STREET. THE EASTSIDE OF THE STREET HAS SEVERAL FEATURES THAT MAKE IT THE LESSER OPTION FOR SIGNS: MOUNTING SIGNS WOULD REQUIRE POLES/POSTS, WHICH WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR SIDEWALK PLOWING FOR THE SCHOOL WALKING ROUTE, AND GAS MAINS WERE OBSERVED ON THIS SIDE OF GROVE STREET.**

10. MULBERRY STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of Cathy Pike who resides on Mulberry Street and is concerned about speeding trucks (mostly from Spiegel) and related noise.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **RESIDENT LIVES ACROSS THE STREET FROM BUSINESSES THAT USE LARGE UTILITY AND RECYCLING TRUCKS. UNKNOWN IF SPEEDING IS AN ISSUE GIVEN THE CONDITION OF THE ROAD AND THE FACT THAT THESE TRUCKS MAY BE PULLING IN AND AT OUT THESE FACILITIES, PRESUMABLY AT LOWER SPEEDS. AS FOR THE NOISE, THIS IS NOT A TRAFFIC COMMISSION ISSUE.**

11. VULCAN BAR – 705 N. MONTELLO STREET

Request received from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of Gus Rosa, owner of the Vulcan Bar who is requesting bollards or other safety measures in front of his bar as cars have hit his building on numerous occasions.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **RECOMMENDED TO THE BAR'S OWNER THAT HE CLOSE OFF THE CURRENT FRONT ENTRANCE AT THE CORNER OF N. MONTELLO AND AMES STREETS AND THEN BOLLARDS CLOSER TO THE BUILDING MIGHT BE AN OPTION (INSTALLED BY THE OWNER AND NOT ON CITY PROPERTY/SIDEWALK). RECOMMENDED THAT THE OWNER INSTEAD USE THE SIDE OR REAR ENTRANCE TO HIS BAR FOR USE BY PATRONS. SUGGESTED THAT THE OWNER CONTACT THE CITY PLANNER,**

- **ROB MAY, AND ASK ABOUT OPTIONS. FOCUS SOME TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IN THE AREA.**

12. 7 NINTH AVENUE

Request by Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastrro on behalf of a resident to erect an "Autistic Child" sign at 7 Ninth Avenue.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **UPON PRESENTATION OF SUPPORTING MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION, INSTALL ONE (1) "AUTISTIC CHILD" SIGN AT THE ADDRESS.**

13. PROSPECT STREET – BETWEEN NORTH ASH STREET & PLEASANT STREET

Request of Brenda Rodrigues, 375 Prospect Street, for the Traffic Commission to evaluate whether the section of Prospect Street located between N Ash Street and Pleasant Street should be marked to limit use by tractor trailer trucks. The resident observes an increasing number of these large, heavy trucks using the street at all hours, and is concerned about impacts on housing located close to street and on the bridge at street end.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- **CONSULT WITH THE CITY ENGINEER FOR AN OPINION ON THE WEIGHT LIMIT OF THE BRIDGE ON PROSPECT STREET BETWEEN FIELDS AVE. AND PLEASANT STREET. DEPENDING ON THE ENGINEER'S OPINION, A WEIGHT RESTRICTION ON THAT ROAD MAY BE WARRANTED. RECOMMEND CONTINUING THIS ITEM FOR STATUS REVIEW PENDING THE ENGINEER'S OPINION.**

NEW BUSINESS

14. CHESTNUT WOODS – TRAFFIC SIGNAGE

Request received from Councilor Dennis Eaniri who forwarded an email from Pat Jacobsen, Trustee of Chestnut Woods Homeowners Association:

I am writing in reference to the Chestnut Woods over age 55 development off of West Chestnut Street. As you may recall, you expedited the acceptance of our two streets (Alexandra's Way and Rachel's Way) as city streets.

I am now looking to obtain signage at the entrance of the development (Alexandra's Way at West Chestnut Street). The development zoning comes under Sec. 27-27.6 R5 senior residential community. I would bring your attention to Section G Item 7 (Traffic Restrictions). There is reference to signage that is required to prevent unnecessary intrusion of outside traffic into the community.

Ideally, we would have signs indicating both "not a thru street" as well as "no turning".

As you can imagine as traffic has increased on West Chestnut Street we have observed more cars cutting through and turning around. This becomes a hazard for all of us who live here. Please let me know the proper procedure to make this request of the city. I look forward to hearing from you.

15. SIGN REQUEST - 202 SUMMER STREET

Sign request form received on 5/23/21 from Eileen Milien who resides at 202 Summer Street and is Requesting a “Radar speed sign” due to excessive speeding on street; kids in area and an accident occurred last week. (Board members: see attached Sign Request Form).

16. SIGN REQUEST – AMES STREET AND BELL ROCK AVENUE

Sign request received from Maria Janvier who resides at 275 Ames Street and is requesting a light at the intersection of Cary Hill and Ames Street...(Board members; see attached Sign Request Form – Ms. Janvier was contacted for clarification of what she was requesting – she would like a light at North Cary Street and Bell Rock Avenue because she has difficulty making a left turn from Ames Street onto North Cary Street).

17. SIGN REQUEST – 269 BELMONT AVENUE

Sign request form received from Gilberto Rodrigues who resides at 269 Belmont Avenue and is requesting a slow down with children sign because cars are driving too fast. (Board members: see attached Sign Request Form).

18. SIGN REQUEST – ERROL ROAD (WESTERLY)

Sign request form received from Kimberly Talis who resides at 26 Errol Road and is requesting a “Dead End” and “Stop” sign on Errol Road crossing over Debbie Road. There was a recent motor vehicle accident at the lights on Quincy Street and Court Street. Traffic was detoured and people were going down Errol Road not realizing it is a dead end and failed to stop going back onto Debbie Road. (Board members: Google Maps picture of area attached).

19. RUTLAND SQUARE

Request received from board member, Ken Galligan to review Rutland Square, east end westerly to Warren Avenue for “No Parking” posted on the north side. There is nothing in the records to reflect this and therefore, needs to be documented.

20. MONTELLO STREET – NEAR MBTA STATION

Email received from Erick Akesson, Executive Director, Brockton Parking Authority. The BPA is looking into expanding their ticketing in the City and one of the areas they would like to target is the Montello area near the T station. Mr. Akesson would like to discuss what steps need to be taken to start this process. Some of the things he has thought of relate to resident stickers and additional signage that may be needed in this area.

21. CAIRN ROAD

Email forwarded from Council Jeff Thompson that was sent by Caitlin Farren who lives on Cairn Rd in Brockton and is asking to get a speed bump on our street. Cairn Rd is a cut through street between East Ashland and Court street. People speed through at rates that astonish my neighbors and me. There are dozens of children on this street and many of us are hesitant to let our kids play outside for fear that they could get hit by a speeding car.

***THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021.
DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021.**