



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Thursday, July 22, 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 June 24, 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. **(Board members: Letter sent to DPW).***

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. 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. (Accident history emailed to board members).

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).**

3. 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. (Board members: Letter sent to DPW).

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.**

4. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Subcommittee recommends granting the request and installing a "NOT A THRU STREET" and a "NO TURNING" sign at the W. Chestnut Street entrance to the development. The request complies with the referenced Brockton Ordinance.

5. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

6. 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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Subcommittee went to the location and spoke with Maria Janvier, who is the requester. It was explained that the requested traffic signal at N. Cary Street and Bell Rock Avenue was not an option. Ms. Janvier understood and then asked if we could install some speed limit signs instead. Therefore, the Subcommittee recommends that two 30 MPH speed limit signs be posted on N. Cary Street in the area of the Ames Street intersection, one sign for northbound traffic and the other for southbound traffic.

7. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Based on a previous written opinion by a traffic engineer discouraging the use of such signs, the Subcommittee recommends denying the request. Focused police traffic enforcement, when police manpower permits, may be an option.

8. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Subcommittee visited the location and spoke to Kimberly Talis, who is the requester. Subcommittee recommends granting the request as follows: install a STOP sign on Errol Road at Debbie Road (southwest corner of the intersection for eastbound traffic on Errol Rd.). Replace the Errol Road street name post in the northwest corner of the same intersection with a new post and mount a DEAD END sign onto this new post. Add pavement STOP lines to the Errol Road STOP signs at the same intersection for the annual pavement line painting.

9. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Subcommittee visited this location and recommends granting the request as follows: designate the northside of Rutland Square (as it runs west to east) "No Parking" and install appropriate NO PARKING signs. Designate the westside of Rutland Square (as it runs north to south) "No Parking" and install the appropriate NO PARKING signs. Designate the south side of Lyon Avenue (as it runs west to east) "No Parking" and install the appropriate NO PARKING signs. Install one NO PARKING sign on Berkeley Street (east side of the street) nearest the intersection to Rutland Square.

10. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Subcommittee reviewed the existing traffic and parking regulations as well as the provided map. Subcommittee is satisfied that ample regulations already exist in the area and does not recommend any new ones at this time. Subcommittee recommends checking the area for any damaged or missing signs and replacing them. Subcommittee further recommends to the Brockton Parking Authority that, if and when they begin operations in that area, to bring any specific issues to the Traffic Commission's attention for review.

11. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Subcommittee visited the location and recommends denying the request. This location has been the subject of previous police traffic enforcement, so it is recommended that enforcement, when police manpower permits, continue.

12. 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. **(Board members: Engineering study received from Lisa Sherman, PE, MTOE, PMP, Principal Engineer, CDM Smith and emailed to you).***

13. IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE

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

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Send a letter to Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC) requesting a study (Road Safety Audit) on the need for a traffic signal at Main Street and Forest Avenue. (Per OCPC, part of the Main Street Corridor Study).**
- 2. Install pedestrian crosswalks located in the area of Main Street and Florence Street (across Main Street) and Main Street and Hancock Street (again, across Main Street). Crosswalks pending an engineering study.**

(Board members: Engineering study received from Lisa Sherman, PE, MTOE, PMP, Principal Engineer, CDM Smith and emailed to you).

14. 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.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Install an overhead flashing amber traffic signal.**

(Board members: Engineering study received from Lisa Sherman, PE, MTOE, PMP, Principal Engineer, CDM Smith and emailed to you).

NEW BUSINESS

15. N. LEYDEN STREET AT PERKINS AVENUE

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of a resident, for erection of "No Heavy Trucks" signage on N. Leyden Street at Perkins Avenue to address frequent use of the residential street by heavy, speeding trucks, or such other relief as the Commission may deem appropriate.

16. SARGENT'S WAY AND PLAIN STREET

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Alexamil Rodriguez Casillas, 221 Plain Street, for placement of four way stop signs at the intersection of Sargent's Way and Plain Street, to address accidents resulting from failures of vehicles to stop on Plain Street to let others turn onto Sargent's Way, or for such other relief as the Traffic Commission may deem suitable to address this issue.

17. EAST STREET

Request of Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of Mary Foley, 269 East Street, who is experiencing difficulty as the result of nearby tenants parking in front of Mrs. Foley's home preventing her from parking there or from moving her car out of the driveway. These cars park on the sidewalk easement area, forcing anyone passing by on foot to walk in East Street. She requests signage or such other relief as the Traffic Commission seems appropriate to address this issue.

18. PEARL STREET

Request received from Councilor-At-Large Winthrop Farwell:

Traffic Enforcement Strategic Planning - Pearl Street

- A. Initial analysis and discussion of possible additional signage for Pearl Street, focusing on the area of Torrey Street to Belmont Street. Depending upon accident data, signage could include, but not be limited to: "High Traffic*

Enforcement Area;" "Thickly Settled District;" "Radar Patrolled;" "Patrol by Unmarked Vehicles."

- B. Legal review and discussion of whether the Traffic Commission has authority to establish "double fines" which would attach to violations in specified high accident areas.

(Accident history emailed to board members)

SIGN REQUESTS RECEIVED FOR SAME AREA:

19. CORNER OF NYE SQUARE – SIGN REQUEST

Sign request form received from Keith Turner who resides at 30 Nye Avenue and is requesting a "Slow Down/Slow Autistic Child at Play" because people are speeding when there is autistic children that live on the street.

20. SPRING STREET AND NYE STREET – SIGN REQUEST

Sign request from received from Simone DeMew who resides at 211 Spring Street, Jose Galvao who resides at 217 Spring Street, Wesley DaSilva who resides at 211 Spring Street and Albertina Goncalves Pires Rodrigues who resides at 27 Nye Avenue and is requesting (1) stop sign; (2) speed limit, and (3) children playing signs because there are a lot of children playing and speeding cars.

21. 66 HAYWARD AVENUE

*Request received from Councilor Susan Nicastro on behalf of the McDonough family residing at 66 Hayward Avenue and wish to have an "Autistic Child" sign erected in front of their home. **(Board members: appropriate medical documentation has been submitted).***

22. LAURESTON STREET – SIGN REQUEST

Sign request from received from Envy Isbert who resides at 117 Laureston Street and is requesting a "No Parking" sign in front of his home because the street is a one way, incoming high speed cars in both directions and he is unable to see incoming cars while leaving their driveway when cars, trucks and school buses are parked.

23. WEST CHESTNUT STREET AT ASH STREET, NORTH QUINCY STREET AT NORTH CARY STREET INTERSECTIONS

Request received from Dan Murphy, Jr., PE/Senior Project Manager, Tighe & Bond to discuss these two intersections and would like to assist toward the furtherance of either and submit a design proposal. Preliminary studies have been done and may be headed toward consideration on the MassDOT TIP.

***THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021.
DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY,
AUGUST 13, 2021.**