



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, February 24, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

The Traffic held its monthly meeting at the Arnone School Cafetorium, Little Theater, 135 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301, at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2022.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, Director Stephen Hooke, Councilor at Large Rita Mendes and Councilor Shirley Asack.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:02 p.m. Upon motion made by Councilor Asack, seconded by Director Hooke, to waive and approve the reading of the January 27, 2022 Minutes and February 10, 2022 Special Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call 5-0 in the affirmative.

**OLD BUSINESS\***

- 1. NORTH CARY STREET BETWEEN MOODY STREET AND BOYDEN STREET**  
Requested by: Ward 5 Councilor Jeff Thompson  
Issue/ Request: Guardrail

Discussion: The Board members discussed reaching out to Councilor Thompson. Administrative Assistant Synthia Olivier to send an email to Councilor Thompson.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Asack, seconded by Councilor at Large Mendes, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: MOTION TO CONTINUE TILL MARCH MEETING.**

- 2. ELLIS STREET (15)**  
Requested by: Rigoberto Quinones  
Issue/Request: to many close calls and also many accidents on that block

### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. PENDING SUBMITTED MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION, MOUNT ONE “AUTISTIC CHILD” SIGN ON POLE #1-2 (CORNER OF ELLIS AND PLEASANT STREETS) AND MOUNT ANOTHER SAME SIGN ON POLE #2 BY 20 ELLIS STREET, AND**
- 2. REQUEST POLICE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT WHEN MANPOWER PERMITS.**

Discussion: The board discussed if medical documentation was provided which it was not. Administrative Assistant Synthia Olivier to reach out for medical documentation. Councilor Asack asked if patrol has been done to which Commissioner Captain Porcaro responded no, not as of yet.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Councilor Asack, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

### **VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **3. CDM SMITH**

**Requested by: Captain Porcaro o/b/o Lisa Sherman, Principle/Project Manager IV**

**Issue/Request: to present an overview of services provided by CDM Smith**

Present was Lisa Sherman to give an overview of what CDM Smith provides.

Discussion: Lisa Smith has been a transportation engineer with over 26 years of experience. She has been with CDM for 17 years. Their focus is on traffic and a bulk of her career was spent performing studies for the Traffic Commission. CDM Smith has a guidance booklet that covers general codes, crosswalks, speed regulations and Stop signs. MS. Smith will provide copies to the board members.

There was no need for a vote as this was a general presentation.

#### **4. 4 NORTHFIELD STREET**

**Requested by: Adilson Pina**

**Issue/Request: The current sign present now “No Parking Either Side” is not being enforced and would like “No Parking Either Side Anytime”**

Discussion: Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated he spent some time on that street and that perhaps putting up some signs on the opposite side of the current sign, so as not to be missed.



Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Director Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO SPRUCE AND BEEF UP SIGNAGE.**

**5. EAST STREET**

**Requested by: Ward 4 Councilor Susan Nicastro o/b/o Tony and Janelyn Sostre of 12 Cappy's Way**

**Issue/Request: Review by the Traffic Commission of the stretch of East Street located near its intersection with Hopkins Road, for the trimming of trees overshadowing existing lighting, the addition of street lighting, signage marking curves, etc. and painted crosswalks, and such other actions as the Commission may deem appropriate to keep drivers and pedestrians safe by adequately illuminating the street at night and to encourage drivers to reduce speed.**

Present were Tony Sostre and wife, Janelyn Sostre. Also present and to show support for the East Street matter were Patrick Quinn, Marc Osbourne, Martel Hodges, Clyde Lewis, Lumane Sostre, Suscha Ronin, Alexis Manseau, Gabriella Carzano, Angelica Etienne, Julissa Sostre, Jenny Escobar, Alyson Wohler, Carol Montijo, Treyvon Jones, Kayla Marsh, Wilfredo Waka, Fwr Irameta, Maria Centeio, Gene Lawton, Gamallel Lawton, Angel Cosme, Kendall Malkinaw, Chris Mack, Boyd Robinson, Kevonna Jones Tandon, Louis A. Jones Tandon, Tunette Sttall, Jim Breton with Senator Brady's office, Councilor Susan Nicastro, David Jones, Michael Nunes, Andrew Botelho, Nicole Sabillon, Jose "Tony" Sostre, Tommy Rainer, Tommy Rainier Sostre, Andrea Reyes, Angel O, Elisangela Teixer, Megdalea Sostre, Jed Hresko, Jocelyn Lopez, Natali Gonzalez, Ann Davis, Tiana Braxter, Evans Thevenin, James Jones, Emilia Engle, Alex Nicol, Trent Dupont, Mike Duggan, David Ortiz, Shantae Sumler, Jza, Beverly Sostre and Cherie Hamilton.

Discussion: Mr. Tony Sostre and his wife Janelyn Sostre explained how they created an online petition with over 1,000 signatures. Their concern of East Street comes from a personal experience where they tragically lost a loved one. They went on to explain the conditions of East Street stating due to inadequate lighting they have seen numerous accidents; tragic accidents and that traffic enforcement is needed on East Street. The trees are in bad condition with nicks. Their son, whom Mr. and Mrs. Sostre tragically lost worked at Pet Supplies and was a member of the community. So many of the community came out in support of changes needing to take place on East Street and in support of the Sostre family.

Mr. Sostre's co-worker who was present in support stated how East Street being so dark and curvy makes it so dangerous that you need to use your high beams. She continued to explain if residents do not have their exterior house lights on, it would be very difficult for you to find an address. You can not walk on the side walks and there are no reflective lights anywhere. The community were all in agreement and took turns expressing their concerns for East Street stating how dark and curvy it was. Speeding plays a factor on East Street as well. A member of the community named Angel stated

there are some "curve ahead" signs but where the accidents took place there were no "curve ahead" signs. Suggestions of speed bumps, sidewalks and guardrail were discussed.

Councilor Nicastro who arrived a little late began to explain how she met with the applicants to discuss what happened. She's heard comments about how East Street has changed over the years. The main comment she receives is how the trees have matured and are dense which impedes light from other streets. Residents have asked about sidewalks. Councilor Nicastro recalls having a conversation about the implementation of sidewalks with the previous DPW Commissioner and the cost would be in upwards of a million. Councilor Nicastro states speeding is a factor and would like the Traffic Commission to do something to moderate speed.

Commissioner Captain Porcaro addressed the public and briefly explained the how changes are made in the Traffic Commission. He went on to explain that he would reach out to CDM Smith and it was beneficial to have her there at that particular meeting. Ms. Sherman added that this is what her company does and this would be a matter they would be interested in looking into. Commissioner Captain Porcaro asked Eddie if he could East Street a visit and replace any worn out signs.

Councilor Asack offered her condolences and stated such things as lighting doesn't have to wait till subcommittee. If there are lights out, they should be replaced. DPW Commissioner Hill was not present at the meeting; therefore, Councilor Asack stated she will reach out to him and discuss the trees on East Street.

Commissioner Captain Porcaro wanted to add that he will have police enforcement in the area and will be looking into ordering additional speed radars to place in various areas of East Street.

Upon duly motion made by Director Hooke, seconded by Councilor Asack, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE AND HAVE DPW COMMISSIONER HILL LOOK INTO LIGHTING AND TRIMMING OF TREES; REPLACEMENT OF SIGNS, ADDING SPEED RADAR MACHINES, TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND POSSIBLY SEND TO CDM SMITH.**

**6. AMC STUDIOS FILMING LOCATION/ REQUESTS (map attached)**

**Requested by: Peter Dooley, Assistant Location Manager**

**Issue/Request: permission to close off to the general public and prohibit parking on a part of Menlo Street on March 3<sup>rd</sup> for filming. Additional request to close off to the general public and prohibit parking in late March/ early April other certain streets in the area for filming.**

Present were Mr. Peter Dooley and Mr. Jamie Merz.



Discussion: Mr. Dooley and Mr. Merz wanted to thank the support they received in Brockton. They have come before the Traffic Commission with additional parking restrictions requests. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, they filmed on Nason and next week they will be filming on Main Street Monday through Friday. They are requesting "No Parking" on that section of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. They will be using lifts which could be moved and would not block any driveways and allow residents to get to their homes. Thursday of that week, they would like 1<sup>st</sup> Street cleared and will begin filming 3:00pm to 7:00pm. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, they plan on doing a driving scene and would like those roads closed off. They will have officers at the end of the streets to hold off traffic and will also be shooting on Nason Street.

Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked about the school buses especially on Menlo Street and that they should inform the School Department. Mr. Dooley and Mr. Merz stated the School Department is a top priority. He went on to address the Fire Department and if they've been notified to which both gentlemen responded they have.

Mr. Merz has been working with the Parking Authority and has purchased meters. Cottage Street is asking for "No Parking" there from 7:00am to 6:00pm. They have an officer present everyday at the filming locations and they have private security.

Council Asack had some suggestions for location such as the Council on Aging parking lot. Retired Fire Chief Galligan brought up the businesses in the surrounding area and Mr. Dooley and Mr. Merz stated they have spoken with the business owners.

Commissioner Captain Porcaro asked about Main Street and the closing of it. If it will be a hard road closure, which it will not be. It will be an intermittent closure.

Late March, they will be requesting additional closures for a driving stunt but is not scheduled yet and will need approval. Requested "No Parking on Grafton and Myrtle. Director Hooke asked if it was day or night and they responded it would be all day, all day. Councilor Asack asked if they encountered any issues from the last filming. Mr. Dooley and Mr. Merz responded that the snow did push back some things and the resident parking. Councilor Asack asked if assistance is provided with parking and it is. They do help with parking and have not had any issues with the residents. Councilor Asack stated notices should be provided to the residents ahead of time notifying them of the street closures and to inform the Ward Councilor members in 2 and in Ward 3.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Councilor Asack, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 5 in the affirmative.

**VOTED: TO ACCEPT AND NO OBJECTIONS AS TO WHAT WAS PRESENTED BEFORE THE BOARD.**

Motion was made by Councilor Asack, seconded by Councilor at Large Mendes to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Synthia Olivier*

Synthia Olivier  
Administrative Assistant III  
to Traffic Commission

**\*THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, March 24, 2022. DEADLINE  
TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, March 11, 2022.**