



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, December 8th, 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 6:05 p.m. on Thursday, December 8th, 2022.

Present were Traffic Commissioners: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Director Stephan Hooke and James Sweeney.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:00 p.m. Upon motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by James Sweeney, to waive and approve the reading of the October 27th, 2022 Minutes. Motion carried by a roll call 6-0 in the affirmative

OLD BUSINESS

1. PARKING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES ON STREETS

Requested by: Deputy Fire Chief Edward Williams

Issue/Request: Specifically to look at trailers and semitrailers parking on city streets. (Board Members please see attached Fall River ordinances hereto for reference).

VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO DECEMBER MEETING.

Discussion: Traffic Commissioner Mark Porcaro asked Traffic Commission Secretary Michelle Yaffe to give the members an update on this item. Secretary, Michelle Yaffe explained to the members that the Law Department asked her as the Secretary to the Traffic Commission to obtain the Traffic Commission regulations, see where the proposed regulations could be addressed in said regulations and as the Paralegal for the Law Department to draft the amendments and/or additions to the Traffic Commission regulations. She further explained that the draft of the regulations has been sent to Traffic Commissioner Mark Porcaro for review and that he and she would meet to discuss further and

come up with the draft regulations to present to the Traffic Commission for approval.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO CONTINUE TO THE JANUARY MEETING.

2. PEARL AND DARTMOUTH STREET

Requested by: Deputy Fire Chief Edward Williams o/b/o the Quality of Life Task Force

Issue/Request: Requesting No parking in this area. (Board Members please see attached Petition).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TAKING NO ACTION AT THIS TIME. THE CAUSE OF ANY PARKING ISSUE NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED BY OTHER CITY AGENCIES. THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION IS RELUCTANT TO BLANKET THE AREA WITH NO PARKING REGULATIONS, PARTICULARLY SINCE PARKED VEHICLES ARE NOT CAUSING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS.

Discussion: Resident Mark Pocius from 106 Pearl Street was present to discuss his concerns with the Subcommittee recommendations for this request and location. He believes that the vehicles are in fact causing issues with traffic. They utilize both sides of the streets. Each lane has carriage lanes and when cars are parked on both sides of the street they are blocking those carriage lanes. He further stated that Pearl Street is utilized by the ambulances and that it's an ambulance route to the hospital and it causes problems for the ambulances trying to get down Pearl Street when individuals are parked on both sides of the street, it's difficult for vehicles to pull over when an ambulance is trying to get down Pearl Street on route to the hospital. There was a lengthy discussion with the resident and the Traffic Commission as to whether or not there could be No Parking signs placed in this location. Councilor Thomas Minichiello was also present and stated that this location is in his ward. He has been approached by many constituents in this location relative to the parties that had been occurring at 100 Pearl Street and that is has caused serious traffic issues on Pearl Street. He stated that he is in favor of anything that would help alleviate the traffic issues in this area. The neighbors are entitled to peace in their neighborhood especially at night when they are trying to go to sleep at 10/11pm. He further stated that, if in fact, having some parking signs such as No Parking overnight in this area would help assist the police to be able to take action to maintain peace and order and can use it as a tool to assist the neighborhood that he is in favor of this. He further stated that if they are going to have parties like this that they shouldn't been occurring in a residential area that they should be renting a hall for parties like this. Traffic Commissioner Mark Porcaro asked Mr. Pocius how long the parties have been going on in this area and Mr. Pocius stated that they have

been going on for 4 years now. The Quality of Life got involved with this issue when the event parties were taken place and Traffic Commissioner Porcaro further stated that there is court action against the property owner and asked Mr. Pocius if it's been quiet since then of which he stated it has been quiet. Mr. Pocius is concerned that once the summer comes again that the parties will start up again even if they are not event parties they may start to have their own parties causing traffic issues again. DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill asked if the parties continue in the winter and Mr. Pocius stated yes, it's the loud music, etc. that still continues. He stated it occurs during the weekends more so then the weekdays. Mr. Sweeney asked if we have enforced any of the noise ordinances relative to this issue and Mr. Pocius stated not until the complaints were filed with the courts. There was a lengthy discussion with the traffic commission members as to whether or not it would be a good idea to limit parking in the area overnight from 7pm to 7 am. Relative to this discussion they further discussed whether or not it would be a good idea to just restrict the parking on the weekends. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that if the problem is on the weekends maybe restricting the parking on the weekends right now until we see how the court case plays out and maybe restrict it for a year and revisit this issue in a year. Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale mentioned maybe doing resident only parking in the area of which Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that if resident parking signs are put up that restricts the residents in the area from having visitors over and parking on the street because you have to have a decal issued by the Traffic Commission via the Law Department and the vehicle has to be registered to the address. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that he drives Pearl Street every day and Pearl Street is a very wide street. He is reluctant to vote on this discussion relative to placing no parking signs in this location because if we as the Traffic Commission are challenged on this discussion what are we basing our decision on. When we prohibit parking somewhere there is usually a specific reason in doing so, i.e. a narrow street, there is usually a solid reason why we prohibit parking in certain areas. There was further discussion with the Traffic Commission relative to the No Parking signs that are currently on the east side of Pearl Street. Retired Fire Chief Galligan further stated that the parents picking up their children from the Hancock School currently park on the westerly side of the street and if we prohibit parking up there they are going to start going onto some of the sides streets to pick up their children and this will cause issues. If we prohibit parking at night what is different at night other than what is going on during the day with parking other than the parties that are going on at a house. He believes that the Traffic Commission should look at other city agencies to look into this issue to see if there are other avenues to address these issues such as the noise ordinance that is in place. Retired Fire Chief Galligan would like the Traffic Commission to look at this issue more in depth. He further stated that there is more congestion on Pearl Street during the week during the day then there is at nights/ weekends other than the house parties parking on the street. Councilor Minichiello stated that when there are parties on Pearl Street at this location and neighbors are trying to get out of their driveways and there are cars parked up and down Pearl Street it does in fact cause a traffic issue. He believes that because of this there is a public safety issue. He understands the Retired

Chief's point, however, on Friday nights when there is traffic on the street and the parties are going on it does cause a public safety issue with all the cars parking on both sides of the street. Mr. Sweeney stated that he agrees with Retired Fire Chief Galligan that the commission is being used as a vehicle to prohibit the parking in this area when there are other avenues that could be utilized, other city agencies. He believes that something needs to be done both with the traffic commission and with the City Council for a long term solution. Councilor Lally was also present and stated issues himself with other house parties that have occurred and it needed to be solved through the Quality of Life Task Force. He further stated that relative to the house parties the commission did come in and restrict some of the parties at the location in his ward years ago. He mentioned that the traffic commission mentioned restricting the parking on Pearl Street and revisit this in a year and that he is inclined to trust his colleague's decision on the probationary period measure as it wouldn't hurt anyone especially if on the council's end we could look at increasing fines, etc. DPW Commissioner Hill had made a motion to put up Restricted No Parking signs on the weekends and this would only be on the east side of the street. From 4pm on Fridays through 7am on Mondays. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated on the motion that we have restricted parking on Pearl Street from Pleasant Street to the Hancock School, it says west but the signs are on the east. If we amend that to the east side that would prohibit parking that whole length of the street 24/7 days a week. On DPW Commissioner Hill's point he suggested that you should prohibit the parking on the west side of the street. The No parking has been there since 1979 and there's a reason why that was done. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that this may be a clerical error that it states on the west side but the signs are on the east. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that if we remove all the signs that are up there now and move them to the west side that all the parents that park there to pick up their children at the Hancock will no longer be able to park there. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that the children will not be affected at all because the suggested motion will only be prohibited parking on the weekends not during the week. DPW Commissioner Hill further stated that he wasn't suggesting to do anything with the signs that are up there now to leave those alone. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated by fixing the issue with the current signs that are up there it could be the answer that the commission is looking for. Therefore, the parking on the east side would be 24/7 and the parking on the west side would just be prohibited on the weekends. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that on the motion that is suggested he believes that after all the discussion that this item should be sent back to the Subcommittee and that we should go back out there and find very specific areas as to where we want these signs to be located on Pearl Street. Right now it says to the end of the Hancock school zone. If we put signs beyond that we are going to run into problems because of where the driveways come in and out. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he would withdraw his motion and make a motion to send this item back to Subcommittee.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO REVISIT THE LOCATION, CONTINUE TO THE JANUARY MEETING AND INVITE DEPUTY CHIEF WILLIAMS AND CAPTAIN HALLISEY BACK TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM FURTHER.

3. BELMONT STREET AND BELMONT AVENUE

Requested by: Samuel Saint-Dic

Issue/Request: Traffic Light, Flashing Light and Guardrail, too many accident at the intersection of Belmont Street and Belmont Avenue each month.

****CDM SMITH'S CONCLUSION: BASED ON THE CRITERIA OUTLINED IN THE GUIDANCE AND REGULATIONS SECTION OF THIS REPORT AND FIELD OBSERVATIONS, CDM SMITH FINDS THAT THE INTERSECTION OF BELMONT STREET AT BELMONT AVENUE AND MANOMET AVENUE IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL. THE INTERSECTION MMETS THREE OF THE NINE SIGNAL WARRANTS AND EXPERIENCES CRASHES THAT MAY BE ALLEVIATED WITH SIGNALIZATION****

*** TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEMBERS PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT # 1 (CDM ENGINEERING STUDY) EMAILED TO YOU.**

Discussion: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro read into record CDM Engineering study's recommendation for this location. The engineering study concluded that a traffic signal is warranted at this location. It was further discussed as to how long it would take for the traffic signal to be installed and DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that correspondence from the Traffic Commission to the Mayor should be sent stating that the engineering study concluded that a traffic signal should be placed at this location, was approved by the Traffic Commission and that the Mayor should work with the DPW Commissioner to secure said funding for the traffic signal.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO APPROVE CDM ENGINEERING REPORT AND SEND A LETTER TO THE MAYOR FROM THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION INDICATING THE TRAFFIC COMMISSIONS' APPROVAL OF THE ENGINEERING STUDY RECOMMENDING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL BE INSTALLED AT THIS INTERSECTION.

4. 596 SUMMER STREET

Requested by: Dr. James Cobbs, Executive Director of Operations, Brockton Public Schools

Issue/Request: School Zone designation for the former May Center, 596 Summer Street, in anticipation of the new school being relocated there.

****CDM SMITH'S CONCLUSION: BASED ON THE MUTCD QUALIFICATIONS FOR A SCHOOL ZONE, CDM SMITH FINDS THAT THIS LOCATION WILL NOT QUALIFY. CHAMPION HIGH SCHOOL WILL EDUCATE STUDENTS FROM GRADE 9-12 AND**

WILL HOLD NO STUDENTS FROM GRADE 1-8, AS IS REQUIRED FOR A SCHOOL ZONE DESIGNATION. THE CRITERIA AND WHETHER THEY WERE MET ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. THE SCHOOL PROPERTY ABUTS THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PROPOSED ZONE ARE- MET;**
- 2. SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE STREET OR ROADWAY FROM THE SCHOOL PROPERTY- MET;**
- 3. THE ZONE MUST CONTAIN A MARKED CROSSWALK- NOT MET;**
- 4. THE SCHOOL MUST INVOLVE ONE OR MORE GRADES BETWEEN GRADE 1 AND GRADE 8, INCLUSIVE- NOT MET.**

THE TRADITIONAL MEASUREMENT OF AVAILABLE SIGHT DISTANCE FOR THE SCHOOL DRIVEWAY DOES NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR A DESIGN SPEED OF 35MPH ALONG SUMMER STREET. WHILE MOTORISTS IMPROVE SIGHT DISTANCE BY PULLING CLOSER TO SUMMER STREET, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT EXISTING SHRUBS AND TREE BRANCHES ALONG THE CORRIDOR BE TRIMMED TO IMPROVE SIGHT DISTANCE NOT ONLY FOR PASSENGER CARS BUT ALSO FOR SCHOOLS BUSES. IN ADDITION, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT OPERATIONS AT THE SCHOOL LOCATION CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED IN THE EVENT THAT VEHICULAR SPEEDS ALONG SUMMER STREET INCREASE.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEMBERS PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENTS # 2 & 3 (CDM ENGINEERING STUDY & CROSSWALK QUESTION & ANSWER).

Discussion: Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated there is a crosswalk right now on Perkins Avenue, however, it goes to a vertical line on each side of the ramp. There's no ramp. If we vote to put a crosswalk in it all depends on the funding correct? DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill stated that this doesn't seem to be a big lift add to some ADA ramps in and make some improvements. He further stated that Councilor Nicastro would be in support of this. Traffic Commissioner Mark Porcaro stated that the school police officers have indicated to him that they do in fact need a crosswalk at this location. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated in the interim put up a couple of Pedestrian signs on Summer Street for cars going north and another sign on Summer Street for the cars going west. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that we can't turn this into a formal school zone, however, we can place School Ahead signs at this location. Retired Fire Chief Galligan also stated that from Edson Street to Otto Street there are no speed limit signs. There are plenty on Summer Street from Crescent to Edson but from Edson south we never put any speed limit signs. The school is open and the recommendations can't get done and the other needs funding what happens if we just put up a couple of signs this way we can do something for the school. Porcaro stated we can put up some signs quickly and in the meantime we can send a letter to the Mayor's office recommending funding for the crosswalk and the necessary sidewalks and ramps. Galligan stated winter is closing in on us so why don't we vote tonight to put up the 2 pedestrian signs and when we go out on the subcommittee we can figure out exactly where the placement of the signs should be and to look where the placement of a couple of 30 MPH signs can go as well. Galligan stated we can make a motion to install

30 MPH signs on Summer Street and to 2 Pedestrian signs. DePasquale stated we should fix the other crosswalk ramps across Perkins Avenue while we are doing the other crosswalk.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO PLACE TWO (2) PEDESTRIAN SIGNS AND INSTALL 30 MPH SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION AND TO ALSO SEND A LETTER TO THE MAYOR INDICATING THAT THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION HAS APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CDM'S ENGINEERING STUDY AND A CROSSWALK SHOULD BE PLACED AT THIS LOCATION AS WELL AS PERKINS AVENUE.

5. 454 MORaine STREET

Requested by: Jean Jackson

Issue/Request: There is on street parking to the left and right of her driveway. Vehicles will park obstructing the driveway. A No Parking sign is requested.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: INSTALL A "NO PARKING" SIGN APPROXIMATELY SIX (6) FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF THE DRIVEWAY ON AVON STREET.

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AND TO HAVE ARROWS ADDED TO THE SIGN.

6. COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE

Requested by: Matt Gardner

Issue/Request: There is a path to walk to the Kennedy school located on Cottage Grove Avenue and people park on both sides of the street, leaving the children to walk in the middle of the street. Cars also speed down the street making it very dangerous. A No Parking sign between 8am-10 am and 2pm-4pm is requested on the odd side of street at 55 Cottage Drive to the path.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- A. INSTALL A "SLOW" SIGN ON POLE # 5 FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC;**
- B. INSTALL "CROSSWALK" SIGNS;**
- C. INSTALL "NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS" SIGNS WITH ARROWS POINTING ON EACH SIGN. THESE SIGNS WOULD BE INSTALLED ON THE WEST SIDE OF COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE.**

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

7. BREER STREET AT ASH STREET

Requested by: Amanda Hayward

Issue/Request: Breer Street does not have sidewalks and Ash Street does not have sidewalks on the side that connects to Breer Street. When children have to cross the street heading to either the Kennedy School or Brockton High School it is extremely dangerous and they have to wait for the traffic to pass. Requesting a crosswalk at this location.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMEND AN ENGINEERING STUDY.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

8. HOLBROOK AVENUE

Requested by: Councilor Asack on behalf of Leighton Beaumont (19 Holbrook Avenue)

Issue/Request: Requests that the Traffic Commission review traffic and speeding on Holbrook Avenue.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: RECOMMEND TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT DIRECTED PATROLS.

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

9. SIDE STREETS OFF ON NORTH MAIN STREET

Requested by: Councilor Asack on behalf of Scott Dwyer of the Montello Business Association.

Issue/Request: Requests that the Traffic Commission review the parking on the side streets off of North Main Street as commercial vehicles are parking on residential public streets. This makes it difficult for public safety vehicles to pass in the event of an emergency, as well as other traffic matters and/or concerns that the Montello Business Association members may have.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION AT THIS TIME.

10. LINWOOD STREET

Requested by: Kathleen Cranshaw (391 Linwood Street)

Issue/Request: New signs in and around her home such as blind driveway, etc. Also, truck/commercial vehicle signs in the location of Linwood Street near W. Chestnut Street (300 block of Linwood Street).

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: INSTALL A “BLIND DRIVEWAY” SIGN IN THE AREA PRIOR TO 391 LINWOOD STREET. THE TRUCK/COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LIMIT SIGN WAS INSTALLED BY MASS DOT AND ANY ISSUES SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THEM.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke, the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

11. WEST ELM STREET

Requested by: Cassie Sulbaran (557 West Elm Street)

Issue/Request: There is a lot of speeding on West Elm Street since it was paved a few years ago. Individuals that are dropping off and picking up children at West Middle School park illegally on West Elm Street and sometimes in our driveway. Requesting a stop light, speed bump and/or speed cameras in order to make this location safer.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: UPGRADE THE “NO PARKING” SIGNS ON WEST ELM STREET BETWEEN WEST STREET AND MORSE AVENUE WITH NEW, OVERSIZED SIGNS THAT INDICATE “NO PARKING, STOPPING OR STANDING.” RECOMMEND SCHOOL POLICE MONITOR THE AREA FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS.

Discussion: Resident Peter Reardon stated that the resident is correct and when you come down West Street onto West Elm Street everyday between the time of 2-2:40 pm the parents are parked there. Porcaro stated that a few years ago the school police were up at this location and doing enforcement and it got better and the problem came back. Mr. Reardon stated that he believes the signs go all the way down to Belcher Avenue. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the signs go the whole length of West Elm Street and the bike lane is under state law and there is no parking in those regardless. Galligan stated when we accepted the federal funding to do West Elm Street over we had to prohibit parking on both sides of West Elm Street.

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.

12. 157 JON DRIVE

Requested by: Valerie Pace

**Issue/Request: Cars block the driveway when picking children up from school.
Requesting a No Parking Sign.**

Discussion: Councilor Lally spoke briefly on this location and stated there's only one way in and out of the Brookfield School. There was a lot of traffic up and down Jon Drive at one point. Jon Drive is somewhat of cul de sac to the end of Jon Drive right before the school and allows some people to do a u-turn before they actually pull into the school lot. He further stated that it's not a large amount of parents simply because the traffic prohibits them from getting over there that easily. If the commissioners were going to go out to subcommittee with it he would be happy to meet them there to take a look at the location. Galligan stated this came before us several years ago and he believes we posted a No Parking sign from Sully Road to the school specifically on the back side of the sidewalks because when the city cleans the sidewalks we didn't want them taking our signs down. Councilor Lally stated that during his time on the commission we had done No Parking Here to Corner on all sides Sully and Jon. Motion was made to send to this item to Subcommittee.

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

13. 897 N. MONTELLO STREET

Requested by: Councilor Jack Lally

Issue/Request: Cars are exiting and entering Green Heart facility located at 897 N. Montello Street via the Howard Street bridge causing traffic jams. Councilor Lally would like the Traffic Commission to take a look at this location.

Discussion: Councilor Lally was present and stated that the Green Heart Retail facility has a lot of traffic and it's right where the old Papa Gino's was, right at the intersection and one of the problems that we are facing is that there is a significant amount of traffic on Howard Street, especially people who are going from Howard Street over the bridge to North Montello Street, westbound traffic. That is most times of the day half way over the bridge. One thing that we are having a very big problem with is people's behavior entering and exiting the Howard Street entrance of the Green Heart Facility. People are inserting themselves into the traffic very suddenly and cutting people off. We have had a big problem with people who are passively aggressively nudging their way into traffic. Sorta like people inching their way out of the lot or the side street and you have no other recourse but to stop, they are doing this with a major route. I have seen people completely blocking the east side lane just waiting for the light to turn so they can inch their way into traffic and by that point you have to let them into the traffic because they are holding everything up. It's a big problem and it's a danger. I didn't request anything specific in this request because I felt it would be important for the commission to review it themselves. But a couple of things that have been suggested are No Left Turn/Right

hand turn only sign or some kind of Don't Block the box sign over the east lanes of traffic for the people entering and exiting the facility. The owner of the store has been very receptive and very helpful and he would like to meet the commission at the subcommittee meeting. DPW Commissioner Hill was wondering if this intersection is a state intersection and Traffic Commissioner stated it could be MassDOT. There was further discussion between the commission members as to whether or not once you turn right onto the Howard Street bridge from the facility whether or not that is state controlled and both Traffic Commissioner Mark Porcaro and DPW Commissioner Hill stated that the intersection is state controlled. Councilor Lally stated with permission from the commission the owner I am sure would be happy to put up one of his own signs on his property. He has been very responsive and that he has stated that he would be happy to work with the City.

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by James Sweeney the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

14. COTTAGE GROVE AVENUE

Requested by: Claudio Miranda

Issue/Request: No stop sign on the corner of Curtis Street and Cottage Grove Drive. Cars are driving right into Cottage Grove Avenue without stopping. A stop sign is requested.

Discussion: The resident that requested said stop sign was not present at the meeting, however, the commission discussed that this item should be placed on the Subcommittee Agenda and go out and take a look at the location.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

15. WEST CHESTNUT STREET AT SOUTHWORTH STREET

Requested by: Iolando Spinola

Issue/Request: The crossing infrastructure in this area is nonexistent and in disrepair. A pedestrian crossing sign and crossing paint is requested.

Discussion: The resident that made this request was not present at the Traffic Commission meeting, however, the commission discussed that this item should be placed on the Subcommittee Agenda and the commission should go out and look at the location. Mr. Sweeney stated that this location is in need of infrastructure and also needs lights placed at the location.

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

16. **NANCY LANE**

Requested by: Peter Reardon

Issue/Request: We have concerns for emergency services entering and staging during any and all possible public safety incidents, this along with consistent road flooding/icing. We have experienced vehicles at all hours of the night with suspicious activity. Requesting no parking either side of the street.

Discussion: Resident Peter Reardon was present. Mr. Reardon stated that Nancy Lane is off of Chatham Road which is off of West Elm Street on the north side. Nancy Lane is a double dead end street both east and west. Number 8 being on the east side. You can also enter on Sycamore via N. Bassett/N. Belcher. There are 9 homes on Nancy Lane out of those 9 homes 6 of them are single elderly females. When I first approached this the concerns were in the general area of Chatham Road and number 11 Nancy Lane. That would be on the south side of the street opposite of North Bassett in a wooded area of that section. We have cars parking there at all hours doing whatever it is that they do. If we try to make that turn off of Chatham it's tight trying to get around. All of Nancy Lane there are no curbs just straight grass onto the lawns. Just recently they paved North Bassett and a neighbor at # 7 requested and got a sewer drain to be placed at the east end of Nancy Lane, to try and alleviate some of the water issues we have been having. We are not requesting no parking the entire length of Nancy Lane. The major concern is the wooded area off of Sycamore/Bassett. Asking for No Parking signs wouldn't affect the residents of Nancy Lane as we all have driveways and park in those driveways. We are humbly asking you to take consideration to maybe go done and take a look. He also stated that he does believe about 10 years ago there was a No Parking sign in this area and he doesn't know what happened to it or where it went. I think it just said No Parking, however, we of Nancy Lane are asking for a No Parking Police Take Notice sign in the wooded section across/adjacent to North Bassett Road. He further stated that he would like the sign on Pole # 5. Director Hooke suggested that a motion be made to add two No Parking Police Take Notice signs on poles 4 and 5 of Nancy Lane and additional police enforcement.

Upon duly motion made by Director Stephan Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO PLACE NO PARKING- POLICE TAKE NOTICE SIGNS ON POLES 4 & 5 ON NANCY LANE.

17. **23 AMES ROAD**

Requested by: Vanessa

Issue/Request: Requesting a Handicap Parking Sign in front of residence.

Discussion: Resident was not present. Traffic Commission Secretary, Michelle Yaffe stated that contact to the resident was attempted multiple times and was unsuccessful.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO TAKE NO ACTION.

18. **95 TREMONT STREET**

Requested by: London Hall

Issue/Request: Box trucks are parking in the front of the residence and blocking entrance to the residence. Requesting a No Parking sign.

Discussion: Resident London Hall was present. He presented pictures to the Traffic Commission members relative to this location and the blocking of his driveway. He stated that he has attempted to speak to the individuals that park and block his driveway and nothing has changed. This has been going on for about 2/3 years before the pandemic. Lt. David was coming out to oversee the issue at this location for a while. They are also parking right at the Stop sign all the way done to his residence. People coming down Tremont cannot see the stop sign because of the way they are parking. He further stated that this not only occurs overnight it occurs during the day as well. Retired Fire Chief Galligan asked if 95 Tremont Street is on the corner of French Avenue and Mr. Hall stated yes. There is a 6 family across the street and they are the ones that are parking there and he doesn't believe they live there they are just visiting.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

19. **NORTH LEYDEN STREET**

Requested by: Marcus Diaz

Request/Issue: Cars are constantly speeding down the street. Recently there has been an increase in drag racing. Requesting a speed bump at this location.

Discussion: Traffic Commissioner Mark Porcaro stated that he was included in an email between Councilor Susan Nicastro and Ms. Diaz and that since that time Captain Porcaro has added additional traffic enforcement at this location. It was further discussed that the traffic commission members should also send this to Subcommittee and have a look at the location and in the meantime, hopefully the

added traffic enforcement by the Brockton Police has deterred some of the drag racing at this location.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE.

20. 85 WYMAN STREET

Requested by: Luis Manuel Herrera

Issue/Request: Nobody has a handicap plate. Requesting removal of the handicap parking sign located at 83-85 Wyman Street.

Discussion: Resident Luis Manuel Herrera was present. It was explained to the Traffic Commission that he moved to this location about a year ago and that no one parks in this handicap spot. He believes that the individual that use to live at this property may have had a handicap placard and that's why the handicap sign was placed there. It was further stated that if he wanted to park out front of the residence at this time he is unable to do so because the handicap sign is there and he would receive tickets for parking in said spot. He would like the sign removed.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephan Hooke the motion carried by a roll call vote; 6 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO REMOVE THE HANDICAP SIGN AT THIS LOCATION.

Motion was made by Director Stephan Hooke seconded by Councilor Asack to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Yaffe

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission

**** THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 26TH, 2023. DEADLINE TO ADD ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2023****