



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, May 18th, 2023
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Traffic held a Special Meeting at the Arnone School Cafetorium, Little Theater, 135 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301, at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, Stephan Hooke, Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira and James Sweeney.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BROCKTON BEER COMPANY

Requested by: Mr. Silveira

Issue/Request: Brockton Beer Company's One Year Anniversary Festival is to be held on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023. They are requesting downtown road closures from 2 p.m.-9 p.m.

Road closures as follows:

Main @ Crescent Streets:

- police detail assigned
- blocked by heavy trucks with driver

Main @ School Streets:

- police detail assigned
- blocked by heavy trucks with driver

Main @ W. Elm Streets:

- police detail assigned
- blocked by heavy truck with driver

Warren Ave. @ W. Elm Street:

- police detail assigned
- no truck blocking required

Crescent @ Montello Streets:

- police detail required
- no truck blocking required

Adams Garage:

- police detail required

Mayor Carpenter Garage:

- police detail required

Discussion: Present was Mr. Silveira from Brockton Beer Company. He explained to the Traffic Commission that they are holding a one year anniversary festival that is to be held on Saturday, June 3rd, 2023 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., however, they are requesting downtown road closures from 2pm to 9pm. He stated that they are looking at approximately 15 breweries and 8 food vendors that are all local from Brockton. We will also have a DJ that is local from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. there will be approximately 20 acts of live music for about 8-10 minutes each. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro passed around the diagram that Mr. Silveira had given him to each member of the Traffic Commission. Mr. Silveira stated that we are looking to block off Main Street from School Street all the way down to Crescent Street. The actual event will only be from School Street all the way to West Elm Street onto Main Street with the usage of Lot B1 for additional vendors and porta potties. Councilor Thompson asked Mr. Silveira about how many people he was looking at and Mr. Silveira stated originally around 600 people, however, most likely it will be more like approximately 400-500 people. Councilor Thompson further stated that Lieutenant Bonanca's detail requirements were based upon that number and asked if he has adjusted that detail requirement? Of which Mr. Silveira stated that he has not. Councilor Thompson also asked if all the street closures require police detail and Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated yes. Mr. Silveira stated that they have hired security for inside the event and that number is around 6-8 within that area. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that the Licensing Board required six detail officers and that based on the road closures he is requiring seven detail officers. The cost of the police details is to be covered by Brockton Beer. James Sweeney asked if there were going to be

any buffers around the event and not just the road closures and Mr. Silveira stated that he's been working with Deputy Chief Williams relative to safety purposes and there is a fence from Hawkeye Fence that will be placed around the perimeter of the event. Mr. Silveira stated that they will have army trucks from a contractor that he will cover the cost of, that will cover all entrances. Two will be on the School Street entrance on Main Street, two on Crescent Street and two additional army trucks on Main Street where West Elm meets as well. There will be plenty of coverage to make sure everything is safe in addition to the temporary fence. Parking was also discussed and Mr. Silveira stated that they have the Lincoln Street Parking lot and we are also promoting the usage of the MBTA Commuter Rail. There was also a recommendation of using lots B2, B3 and B4 as potential spots for parking as well and if the amount goes over we can also use one of the parking garages, either the Carpenter Garage and/or the Adams Garage. Also parking on Legion Parkway will be open and there is a Parking Authority meeting next Thursday and we will be able to give them a count on the number of people so they can make the call. DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill asked what they planned on doing about trash and Mr. Silveira stated that he is looking at a vendor to provide trash bins throughout the event and he is in talks with the owner about getting trash out during the event as well. Mr. Sweeney asked where the performers will be and Mr. Silveira stated that the performers will be inside Brockton Beer at the lounge. Brockton Beer will not be open that day, therefore, there will be a staging area for both musicians, vendors and volunteers. There will also be a tent closer to the stage as they prep and get ready. There was a lengthy discussion between the Traffic Commission members and Mr. Silveira as to whether or not the drivers of the army trucks would be located inside the vehicles. Mr. Silveira stated that the drivers would be close by and Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that in the event of an emergency and an emergency vehicle needs to get in or out of the event the drivers must be inside the army trucks at all times. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro also stated that it appears the event may not be in the need of the garages and that the lots may be used instead. Mr. Silveira stated that if the number of guests gets too high they may need to use the Adams Garage. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro further stated that they could cut out one of the details and the details would be located at Main & Crescent, Main & School, Main & West Elm Street, Warren & West Elm and Crescent & Montello Street plus himself overseeing all the detail which would be a total of six details. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan stated that we should look at putting a detail at Centre & Montello Street as people are coming from the train and there could be issues going across there. All the cars coming north on Main Street taking a right on Crescent Street and then a left on Montello and in the past when Main Street is shut down Montello Street jams up terribly at Centre Street. It was further discussed as to whether or not School Street and Frederick Douglas Way would be kept open and it was determined that both of those

streets would be kept open. Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that if a detail is placed at Centre & Montello Streets that it puts the details back up to 6 and 7 including himself. He further made the Traffic Commission aware that this event is taken place the same day as Brockton High's graduation. It's one of the busiest nights of the year. He also stated that the reason he recommended Warren & West Elm is because he didn't want any traffic going eastbound onto West Elm and Main where the army trucks will be located. Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira asked if we were going to block Crescent and Montello, of which Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated that we are going to block Crescent and Montello we are going to block going westerly. We will block the westbound traffic at Montello and Crescent Streets. Montello north and south will flow fine and Crescent eastbound will also flow fine. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan stated that the detail at Crescent and Montello is critical spot for the detail. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan further stated that Warren Avenue and Montello Street, Belmont to Crescent, Court to Pleasant will all be wide open. Which is the four main moves around the city. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan emphasized that Frederick Douglas Way needs to remain open. It was further discussed as to whether or not they have spoken to the courthouse about using their lot, of which Mr. Silveira stated no. It was recommended by the Traffic Commission that reaching out to District Court to use their lot would be ideal, of which Mr. Silveira agreed is a great idea. DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill also reiterated the need to have the trash picked up of which Mr. Silveira stated he would use his volunteers to pick up trash during the event. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan stated before a motion is made just to make sure we are okay on this, traffic coming east on Belmont Street will go north on Main Street and then east on Crescent Street all unimpeded. Traffic going north on Main Street will come up to Crescent Street, go east on Crescent Street and then go north on Montello Street to wherever they want to go. Then traffic that's coming south on Main Street won't get involved in this at all. Traffic that's coming east on Pleasant Street will not get involved at all either. Traffic going west on Court Street won't get involved. The last key one would be traffic from the east coming up Crescent and up School Street crossing Montello going up School Street to Main can go right up Frederick Douglas to Warren Avenue to wherever they need to go and all the other streets are going to flow just like they do of which Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro stated yes. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan further stated you are going to close off eastbound traffic on West Elm Street at Warren Avenue for the police detail and we've suggested that they put signs on Clinton Avenue and West Elm Street directing traffic going on West Elm at Clinton so any traffic that comes up Clinton can't get out West Elm, they are going to have to make a U-turn to get out of there and the trucks will be going to be located at Main and Crescent Street, Main and West Elm Street, Main and School Street, of which Mr. Silveira stated two trucks per spot. Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan also stated that the drivers of said trucks

must be in the trucks at all times of which Traffic Commissioner Mark Porcaro stated that they have to be behind the wheel at all times and he wants them configured so that no one can crash through them, ideally bumper to bumper so that not even a bicyclist can get by.

VOTED: TO APPROVE THE TRAFFIC ROAD CLOSURES AS DISCUSSED.

Motion was made by Councilor Jeffrey Thompson, seconded by Stephan Hooke to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission