



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
Thursday, June 27th, 2024
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Traffic held its monthly meeting at the Brockton City Hall, 45 School Street- GAR ROOM at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23rd, 2024.

Present were Traffic Commission Members: Traffic Commissioner Captain Mark Porcaro, Retired Fire Chief Kenneth Galligan, DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, Director Stephen Hooke, Councilor Lally, Councilor-at-Large David Teixeira, James Sweeney, Geoffrey Keenan, and Michelle Yaffe, Secretary to the Traffic Commission.

There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Traffic Commissioner Captain Porcaro at 6:00 p.m. Upon motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, to waive and approve the reading of the May 23rd, 2024 Traffic Commission Meeting Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. TRIBOU STREET AT NASON STREET

Requested by: Jhay Debarros

Request/Issue: Requesting SLOW, CHILDREN at the intersection of Tribou Street near Nason Street as well as a NO PARKING or NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE sign for Nason Street (east side alongside 145 Tribou Street) at Tribou Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install a NO PARKING CORNER TO HERE sign on the east side of Nason Street approximately 20 feet or so north from the Tribou Street intersection.

B. Trim the branches to the tree that will be near the new sign.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

2. MONTELLO STREET EXT.

Requested by: Captain Mark Porcaro, Brockton Police Department
Request/Issue: BPD Patrol Division supervisor indicated parking issues on Montello Street Extension. Current parking on both sides makes it difficult for large vehicles to use the road and for residents to back out of driveways. Recommend parking be restricted to one side due to narrow roadway.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Install NO PARKING signs along the entire length of the east side of the street for public safety purposes (we spoke to two neighbors who supported this and said it would alleviate parking issues).**
- B. Traffic enforcement.**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED.

3. EDINBORO AVENUE

Requested by Councilor Thomas Minichiello, Jr.
Issue/Request: Traffic issues from vehicles entering/exiting Prestige Gas (899 Belmont Street) via Edinboro Avenue.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Cut back the vegetation blocking the current NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER sign.**
- B. Continue to monitor (no issues were observed while we were there).**

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

4. 298 N. WARREN AVENUE

Requested by: Councilor Moises Rodrigues on behalf of Esmeralda Cardoso
Request/Issue: Resident has had several cars crashing on her lawn and almost hitting her house. Requesting a guardrail be installed on her property.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. There is not a lot of room to install a guardrail and the shrubs at the northwest corner would need to be removed. No signs or evidence of any recent accidents. BFD Dep. DePasquale indicated the traffic signal was replaced about two years ago and could not recall any accidents since then.

B. Continue to monitor. Take No Action.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED TO TAKE NO ACTION.

5. 515 N. MAIN STREET/EAST MAIN STREET

Requester: Lt. William Schlieman, BPD
Issue/Request: Parking issues. Requesting parking regulations and signs.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. There is no clearly-defined sidewalk there and the angled parking does not seem to be a traffic flow problem.

B. Recommend parking enforcement for the current NO PARKING regulation on the west side of E. Main St. by this area. As long as this side is kept clear and nobody illegally parks, there should be no problem with traffic flow.

Discussion: Lt. William Schlieman was present and stated that as you travel north on East Main Street, there's a convenience store located in the buildings that house Hyatt's closet. A lot of folks come and go from there. One of the issues is that the patrons of that store are double parking outside at an angle. So they are on that right side of the road and they are in and out fairly quickly most times. With the angle parking and the double parking it creates a hazard. As cars are traveling up East Main Street you can't see anyone exiting the store, so they are exiting out between cars and they are weaving through. My concern is there will be a pedestrian accident. Captain and I were discussing ways to alleviate this and not hurt the store because we want people to be able to come and go. If we strip angle parking spots there and then put hashmarks where the door is that no one could park there, that may be beneficial and if we could add timed parking to those

parking spots, maybe 15 minute or 30 minute parking. Most people are in and out of the store in a matter of minutes. Part of the issue is the auto repair shop that sits right behind the convenience store because they put their cars out there and sometimes they sit there for days or weeks at a time. He further stated that he was out to this location yesterday and pulled three more unregistered cars off the street. So it's a continuing problem where there are unregistered cars, junk cars that are being left there. It's hurting the convenience store. If we block off the area in front of the door the pedestrians can come out of the store and have a clear line of sight of traffic. Another thing that I notices was that the No Parking signs on the west side of the street have been replaced or at least two of them have been. If there was a third sign there, it's no longer there. Historically there was a 3rd sign on the street. I suggest putting the third sign back up furthest north of the crosswalk. There was a brief discussion about tighten up the ordinance relative to unregistered vehicles on public streets. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated asked if the convenience store owners are aware of what we are aware of? Lt. Schlieman, yes, we've been in there.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Retired Fire Chief Galligan the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO SEND BACK TO SUBCOMMITTEE

6. SHEPPARD STREET

Requested by: Mary Boyd

Request/Issue: I would like to request a traffic sign that shows how fast they are speeding down Sheppard Street. .They come down the street doing 50-60MPH. This could all stop if they also put speed bumps on the street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Install a battery-operated speed sign on the utility pole in front of 38 Sheppard St. (for eastbound traffic).

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephen Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

7. TROY STREET

Requested by: Clarita Neal

Request/Issue: I live on Troy Street, with Levering Street connecting. Cars speed around this corner, there isn't a sidewalk for pedestrian use and it is a two way street. Requesting a Go Slow sign on the corner of Troy Street and Levering Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Install BLIND DRIVEWAY and GO SLOW signs on Pole #4 (by 3 Troy St.) for southbound traffic.**
- B. Install BLIND DRIVEWAY and GO SLOW signs on Pole #3 (on Levering St.) for westbound and northbound traffic.**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

8. PINE STREET

Requested: Ada Alfonso

Issue/Request: Neighbors are parking on sidewalks, forcing school children, people in wheelchairs and other pedestrians to walk down the middle of the street. Groups of drivers on motor bikes are racing and performing stunts as they race down the street. Requesting stop signs and No Parking Signs.

EMAIL FROM REQUESTOR

The problem, at least in my area of the street, has been resolved. No one has parked in the street or sidewalk since the first days of the complaints.

I will not be there on the 27th.

I do appreciate the opportunity and consideration. During the Summer Pine St. is a race track for motor cross bikes but I have not seen any yet this year. Hopefully, all issues are settled.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TAKE NO ACTION

9. MICHAEL DRIVE

Requested by: Sarah Hendrick

Request/Issue: This past year we have seen a surge in the number of cars going at speeds over 45-50MPH miles an hour with children attending the nearby Kennedy school and walkers. We need a sign to encourage slower driving on the street. Requesting Slow Down signs.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Install a PEDESTRIANS sign on Pole #4 for eastbound traffic.**

Upon duly motion made by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

10. PLAIN STREET AT OTTO STREET

Requested by: Councilor Susan Nicastro

Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to consider a blinking light on Plain Street at the intersection with Otto Street.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Install a W2-2 Intersection Warning Sign (the sideways "T" sign) by 200 Plain St. (just prior to Otto St.) for westbound traffic.**

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephen Hooke , the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

11. N. QUINCY ST./COURT ST./QUINCY STREET

Requested by: Jackie Mitchell

Request/Issue: There have been a number of accidents at this intersection. I would like to request the following: Install No Turn on Red Sign, install solar speed radar, repaint the crosswalks as this is busy intersection located near the Baker School & student bus stops. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached crash history- Item continued from last month)**

PREVIOUS SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. Add the ladder design to the existing crosswalks at this intersection during line painting season.**
B. Request from BPD Records Division an intersection crash history.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION "A".

12.39 DIX ROAD

Requested by: Gary White

Request/Issue: I am requesting a guardrail on the corner of my property (N. Cary St. and 39 Dix Road). Between the snowplows and all the vehicles that come on my property from the accidents and misjudging the corner. I am disabled and can't fix it anymore. **(Traffic Commission members please see attached crash history- continued from last month)**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. Subcommittee met with Mr. White and is not opposed to the installation of a new guardrail *if the crash data supports it*. Request BPD Records to forward any accident history.

B. Replace the STOP sign and sign post (with red reflective striping) on Dix Road at N. Cary Street (for northbound traffic) pending a Traffic Commission records check that such a sign has previously been approved there, and if not, recommend approving the installation of a new STOP sign and post at that spot.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 5 in the affirmative.

VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION "B" AND TO REVISIT "A" WHEN ACCIDENT HISTORY IS READY FOR REVIEW AND CONTINUE TO JUNE MEETING.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: BASED ON THE CRASH HISTORY A GUARDRAIL IS NOT WARRANTED AS RECOMMENDED IN RECOMMENDATION "A".

13. ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES AND POLICIES

Requested by: Councilor Lally and Councilor-at-Large Teixeira

Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to discuss Enforcement Practices and Policies and their bearing on the actions of the Traffic Commission.

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated as City Councilor we receive a lot of calls related to traffic that we would then put to the traffic commission or bring to the police department or figure out some way to handle it. One of the largest volumes of calls we receive is things like speeding or parking problems.

Sometimes we can bring them here but other times, I get a decent number of calls about North Quincy Street speeding on North Quincy. Councilor Teixeira represents the entire city, so he's going to get calls for all over the city. Pearl Street, Oak Street, stuff like that. The thing is a lot of these things we could bring to the traffic commission but there's not a lot of reason to. It's pretty cut and dry, cars are going faster than they should. There's really not a ton that we can do about it. The people who are speeding and driving in such an unruly way are probably not going to look at or respect any kind of signage we put up. We're not doing speed bumps, we're not speed tables. So that really leaves enforcement and that's something that we recommend in the commission a lot. So this was just a conversation that the counselor and I wanted to get started just sort of like a general refresher, we list enforcement. Should we be recommending enforcement on as many things as we do on the commission? Are we over recommending? Are we attempting to direct too much? Are we under recommending? What can the commission do? Either to improve the ability to regulate or have enforcement or what can we do in lieu of it? So that we are not designating everything, enforcement, enforcement, enforcement. Councilor Teixeira stated that we meet once a month and we can come here and state we are going to do A,B,C, & D but are we willing to enforce A,B, C & D? The majority of the accidents are people on the phone, going through red lights, not making a full stop. So what can we do? What's the power of the Traffic Commission to enforce traffic? Also, we can put up No Parking signs, like on North Montello street but they are still parking there. I pass by this area two to three times a day on North Montello Street and there are always cars parked there so how are we enforcing the law? It's okay to enforce the law but we've have to do more, we need the police to be involved. Councilor Lally and I had this discussion to see what the traffic commission can do to help us with this. Councilor Lally stated, more of a general conversation opposed to a lot of the issues that we are taking are to specific corners, specific issues. I've seen the parking on North Montello Street and I call Captain Porcaro and he jumps right on it. This is a big city and we are making a lot of rules and we want to make sure that these rules are be followed. James Sweeney asked how big is the traffic unit? Of which Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that years ago the traffic unit was a Captain, Sergeant and four dedicated patrolmen. It's not that right now. I have two patrolmen assigned to me. They are both assigned to the patrol division when they aren't manning a rapid response sector due to staffing issues, then they are doing traffic enforcement and they will try to catch up on the requests that I have sent to them. It's a staffing issue. He further stated that he would give anything to have a significantly greater traffic unit and a supervisor. This month we will get all these requests and I will have them go out and handle it and then next month we have a whole new batch of requests and then they are focusing on that and then the violations on these requests are starting to pop up again. Councilor Lally stated that staffing is a huge issue not only her but nationally. In a lot of cases we don't have enough officers. There are things that we can do about it as a City Council. One thing that I think would be a good idea and it wouldn't be an easy fix, it would take years and money but a lot of the complaints that we get and it causes sort of a speed bump in all the things that your officers have to do is all of

the parking violations. The expansion of the Parking Authority to a citywide agency, get them a couple of vehicles, get them a couple more people. The Parking Authority could take over all the parking violations. The traffic and traffic division would be able to handle speeders but everything stationary would be the Parking Authority to handle. Our Parking Authority is a city Parking Authority but the scope is severely limited. If we could expand it would significantly alleviate all the burden placed on the police department. For instance, the no parking that we referenced, you have to get an officer over there, running plates, writing tickets and another call could be coming in that they have to respond to. The Parking Authority doesn't have to pull anyone over. The Parking Authority doesn't have to respond to emergencies. If we can empower the authority to have a larger scope, that might be something that could alleviate some of the pressure. Mr. Sweeney stated not moving violations and Councilor Lally stated yes, not moving violations. Mr. Sweeney stated he believes this is a great idea. It was mentioned that Boston has guys in cars all the time. There was a discussion amongst the traffic commission members relative to speaking to the Mayor and getting something like this into the budget, working with city ordinances and with the Parking Authority. It's a project and it's something that would involve the police department and the police department's current scope of work. It's not something that we would plunge into without discussion. There was also mention as to whether or not the Parking Authority has the authority to tow a vehicle. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that in their lots or garages if a particular vehicle racks up five or more tickets that are unpaid they have the authority to tow the vehicle. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we are discussing this as the traffic commission but who in city government even has an idea of the problem that we're talking about? What if we drafted a letter from the Traffic Commission to the Police Chief indicating that at every meeting we are getting complaints about speeding and the traffic commission would like to have a discussion with the police chief about possible remedies for assistance to address this problem. One of them could be applying for grants. Are there grants out there where we could hire police officers under the grant strictly for enforcement? He further stated that another suggestion in this letter could be a conversation with the Parking Authority to expand the size of the Parking Authority to address stationary parking violations. He also stated that we discuss the issues here but how far does that go. Councilor Lally stated that it's a pretty wide scope. The councilors discuss it and have discussed it with the chief. Councilor Lally stated that sending a letter is great but I think what we would be better off doing as a commission is having representatives from the commission having a conversation because we are asking the Traffic Commissioner to draft a letter to the Chief. I believe if members from the Traffic Commission were to have a conversation, I believe that is a more fluid form of dialogue. Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale stated that he believes a face to face meeting is probably the best way to handle this. Councilor-at-Large Teixeira stated that we should put a meeting together with Captain Porcaro, the Police Chief, a few City Councilor members and the Parking Authority. Councilor Lally agreed and stated that this would be a starting point. Director Hooke also made a point that the Parking Authority is only on the during the day and that there are parking issues at night

as well. Councilor Lally stated that they are only downtown. He further stated that there would have to be additional people hired for the Parking Authority, the purchasing of vehicles if they are going to go all over the city, we may have to change an ordinance or two and they would have to have night people. He further stated that a lot of these requests are for night time events. The scope of the authority would be dramatically different than what it is today in size and hours. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro mentioned the Municipal Road Safety grant and stated that we get this grant every year to go out and do dedicated traffic enforcement. The police officers are out there for four hours just doing proactive traffic enforcement. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro also stated that all year long we have different traffic enforcement campaigns going. We also do it with the state police every other month. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that the Police Department handles moving violations and possibly another agency handle static violations, which is no parking, etc. and that could be the Parking Authority. If the Parking Authority is on board with that and the City Councilor wants to support financially doing that. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we put up the No Parking Signs and no one pays attention to them. We spend a lot of time the discussing need for it and we address it and then nothing. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that when we put up a sign we rely on people to call us when there is a violation. We can't possibly see everything in a city that is this busy. He further stated that there could be a parking violation on a dead end street right now and if nobody calls us then we aren't going to know about it. Mr. Sweeney mentioned a tip line and Councilor Lally stated that they can call the nonemergency police line. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that one of the things that we can do here and that we can control is when we vote to install a new sign, like we have done a few times tonight, is part of the motion make enforcement part of what we are doing. That way I can plug in directed patrols and make people aware that we have placed a new No Parking sign. He further stated that this is one of things that we can do to enhance our new regulation with these signs. Councilor Lally stated that we should give people a week or so buffer to get use to the new signs being out there. We don't want to put a sign up today and start ticketing people tomorrow. If we put the sign up a week ago there's a difference. He further stated that Jamal tells Captain Porcaro when the signs are up and a week from then they start ticketing the vehicles for the violation. Councilor Lally asked if we could vote on a standard enforcement policy? Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated for the stuff that we implement, sure. Councilor Lally stated that we say in a matter of form in subcommittee recommendations that we have a little line at the bottom that says and request directive patrols for a week after the sign is installed. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that we could have a policy to suggest or recommend A, B, and C. Councilor Lally stated that it could just go into the subcommittee recommendation of which Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated sure. He further stated that the councilors will put together a meeting with the department, ourselves and the Parking Authority.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Director Stephen Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: MOTION TO APPROVE

14. EAST STREET AT PLAIN STREET

Requested by: DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill

Request/Issue: There was another accident at this location over the weekend of (12/8/12/10/23) and it should be looked at by the Subcommittee. Requesting either a guardrail or stop sign at this intersection. **(Traffic Commission please see attached CDM Smith study)**

CONCLUSION:

Based on the criteria outlined in the MUTCD and analysis of the area, CDM Smith recommends enhancing the lighting at the intersection. With most of the crashes at the intersection occurring in nighttime conditions, additional streetlights may improve visibility during nighttime hours.

Additionally, CDM Smith recommends installing new chevron signs in the southbound direction on the northern side of the horizontal curve, both before and after the intersection at a minimum height of 4-feet. The three existing chevrons on the south side of the curve are recommended to be removed since they do not comply with MUTCD sign placement guidelines and could be causing confusion to drivers. Figure 3 below shows the recommended locations for new chevron signs, as well as the removal of the old chevron signs shown in red.

Installing snow-plowable retroreflective raised pavement markers within the centerline of the curve at the intersection may be appropriate. These could be installed along Plain Street in conjunction with a dashed double yellow centerline or in place of a marked centerline. Three to five pavement markers would be installed in this way.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY CDM SMITH AND TO SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO THE MAYOR WITH A COPY TO THE DPW COMMISSIONER AND FOR THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION TO APPROVE AND INSTALL THE RECOMMENDED SIGNAGE.

NEW BUSINESS

15. AMES STREET AND N. MONTELLO STREET

Requested by: Councilor Lally

Request/Issue: Would like the Traffic Commission to review the safety and traffic at this intersection. Specifically to ban right hand turns for westbound traffic on Ames Street turning northbound onto N. Montello Street.

Discussion: Augusta Rosa was present and stated that there use to be a sign there but when they did the road over they took the sign. I almost got hit a few weeks ago coming out. A guy got stuck there with a big truck. Even with the sign there they would still turn there. The main reason I am here is because of the speed in the area. There have been about 12 accidents here and they are all big accidents. This particular one I got an estimate of \$30,000 to fix. They aim right at my door and just keep hitting the door. Councilor Lally stated that he has seen some of the security footage from here and it is very clear very far away that some of these cars, especially on North Montello Street are absolutely going for it and when you are going that fast you're not really going to stop for the red and someone else has the green like they should and they both end up into Mr. Rosa's building. He did send me the pictures of the No Turn on Red sign, which is not there now. The truck route is a big question, it may just come down to traffic enforcement. But you have people flying at all hours on North Montello Street. Mr. Sweeney asked if this is happening at a certain time and Mr. Rosa stated it's anytime. Mr. Rosa stated they go at least 50/60MPH. DPW Commissioner asked what the logic was for not allowing a right hand turn there and Mr. Rosa stated that there isn't enough room to make the turn and they are always hitting my building, they are big trucks. There was also a brief discussion about moving the stop line back. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we have been to this location several times and one of the things that we did was put up a sign on Ames Street for westbound traffic prior to Spark Street and the sign said all trucks use Spark Street with an arrow prior to it. That was to deter the trucks from going up North Montello Street and taking a right. So if they are in the right hand lane of Main Street heading west in order to take a right to go up North Montello, if the cars are stopped for the red light, they go right over the sidewalk and they sideswipe your building. When we were there last time Terry Edwards was going to rebuild Ames Street low and the suggestion was made that we could not put a guardrail at the gutter line. The suggestion was made to have DPW Commissioner Hill speak with Terry Edwards to put some bollards in front of your business and apparently that never got done. There is no room to put a guardrail right up against your building. There has been a history of accidents at this corner from 1941 when an engine six rolled over at that intersection. The intersection is totally blind. He further stated that he doesn't see an easy answer to this. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that in order for the sidewalk to be ADA complaint, they had to lower the sidewalk and if you put bollards there, you narrow the sidewalk and it wouldn't be a legal sidewalk.

Upon duly motion made by Director Hooke, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

16. FIELD STREET (BETWEEN SAWTELL AND SPARK)

Requested by: Councilor Lally

Request/Issue: Requesting speed/look out for children signs for Field Street between Sawtell and Spark Street at the request of a constituent.

Discussion: Elizabeth Melendez was present and stated that she is a resident of Brockton for 20 years and her concern is the speed, Field Street looks like a highway. I like to keep my street clean and I am always out there cleaning and a couple of times when I have been out there I have almost gotten hit. People going around the corner, accidents right on Field Street on the corner at the stop sign where Montillo's is. The four way stop right there, they always just fly. I am wondering if you could put up more signs. Councilor Lally stated that the area we're referring to is right at the bottom of the hill. So Field Street and North Avenue, have a ton of people who like to go down at great speed. Field Street is a little longer and Field Street sees more traffic. There are all kinds of buses and other things going through as well which makes it an additional risk. But this is an area that sees a lot of activity. We were just out there a couple months ago for a blind drive. Field is downhill and it's nice and straight. It's not too bad pavement. People are outside trying to maintain their properties and there's a lot of streets connecting to Field Street at this point, which increases the risk of somebody interrupting your speeding.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

17. BERNARD ROAD

Requested by: Councilor Lally

Request/Issue: Would like to request "Autistic Child" Signs for 89 Bernard Road.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

A. Install an AUTISTIC CHILD sign on Pole #9 and one sign between 85 and 87 Bernard Rd.

Discussion: Councilor Lally stated that the family is able to provide medical documentation that is needed. James Borne was present and stated that his son Jamie is autistic and he doesn't understand the dangers of traffic. He's gotten away twice and once he almost got his by a car. Unfortunately there are a few guys in the neighborhood that like to race around and there's only one way in and one way out.

Upon duly motion made by DPW Commissioner Patrick Hill, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

18.29 LINWOOD STREET

Requested by: Councilor Phillip Griffin on behalf of Ayanna Cooks for her uncle Lindell Cooks

Request/Issue: The individual that lives at 29 Linwood Street is visually impaired. Requesting a Visually Impaired sign in front of the home and also asking if the volume of the Audible Pedestrian Signals along Belmont Street, from Papa Gino's to McDonald's, could be increased and if the pedestrian crossing time could be extended.

Discussion: Ayanna Cooks was present and stated that she is here on behalf of her uncle Lindell Cooks. He is visually impaired and I provided his blind certificate. I would like to have the volume increased on the audible pedestrian, it was very low on Belmont Street and it's extremely busy and extremely loud. He is having a hard time hearing when it tells him to walk or when to stop. Also he is requesting a longer walk time. Additionally we are requesting that signage be put up, visually impaired slow down because he does tend to get outside and go for walks. There are no sidewalks on Linwood Street. DPW Commissioner Hill and Deputy Fire Chief DePasquale agreed that the request for the audible stuff would have to go to Mass DOT because the state controls those lights not the city. Traffic Commissioner Porcaro stated that the Traffic Commission can send a letter to Mass Dot on her behalf.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Director Stephen Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: APPROVE THE VISIBLY IMPAIRED SIGNS AND TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION. ALSO SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO MASS DOT RELATIVE TO THE AUDIBLE VOLUME BEING INCREASED AT THE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS.

19. ARLENE STREET

Requested by: Brianna Calderom

Request/Issue: Cars are parked on top of the grass/property. They are parking close to the fences on S. Leyden for both properties in that area and this risk damage to the fences. If they park on the street, they block the view of the intersection when turning out of Arlene Street. Requesting a No Parking on this side sign to be located on South Leyden Street in between Arlene Street and Riverview on the right side (facing south) where the wooden and chain link fences are.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Joseph DePasquale, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

20. INTERSECTIONS OF N. MAIN STREET/OAK STREET AND OAK STREET/BATTLES STREET EXTENSION.

Requested by: Debbie McBride

Request/Issue: Suffering from temporary blindness and can no longer see the crossing sign at the intersection. Requesting that there should be a beeping sound to assist those who are visually impaired.

Upon duly motion made by Retired Fire Chief Galligan, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: SEND TO THE BROCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT SIGNAL DIVISION.

21. 812 NORTH MONTELLO STREET

Requested by: Manuel DePina

Request/Issue: My house is located at a 4 way stop intersection. There have been numerous accidents at that corner and there have been 3 car accidents on top of my yard. Recently a car went into my side yard and knocked down my entire fence and my grandkids playground. Requesting a guardrail for my home.

Discussion: Manuel DePina and Lara Evora were present. Lara stated that his house is located on North Montello Street and Livingston Road at the four way corner right in front of the bridge. There's actually two cars in front of his house. He told me from what I remember that there have been three accidents here. There was one that was on top of his front yard and two cars into his side yard. Another time a car knocked the whole entire yard and the most recent one was in March and the playground that my mom bought her grandkids was completely knocked

out. My sister and I don't allow our kids to play in the yard anymore because of all the accidents. I am asking for some type of barrier around the yard so that they can play in the yard. There use to be traffic lights at the corner because there were accidents all the time. I have seen crazy accidents, they are hitting the pole, hitting the car. I have actually gotten into a car accident at this location, someone rear ended me when I was taking a turn into my parents' driveway. I would like traffic lights and a guardrail there. He was told by the police that the accident that happened in March that the cameras weren't working there at that time and I wanted you to know that as well. James Sweeney stated it a huge cut though and DPW Commissioner Hill stated that it's a heavy truck route.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Director Stephen Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

22. LENOX STREET

Requested by: Meaghan Arnold

Request/Issue: My daughter uses the school bus stop at Lenox/Monson Streets. It is extremely uncomfortable. The state of the intersection of Pleasant and West Street has added frustrated traffic driving inappropriate speeds through our neighborhood to avoid it. Requesting a Slow Children sign.

Upon duly motion made by James Sweeney, seconded by Councilor Lally, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

23. PROSPECT STREET

Requested by: Theresa Selman

Request/Issue: Within three months two different vehicles have run into the pillars on the property. If there were metal guards and signage this would minimize injury and property damage. Requesting a guardrail with reflective sign to slow down. **(Traffic Commission members see attached photos)**

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, the motion carried by a hand vote;8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

24. 741 N. CARY STREET

Requested by: Kevin O'Gorman, 741 N. Cary St.

Issue/Request: Would like a new guardrail installed due to accidents.

Discussion: Kevin O'Gorman was present and stated that the accidents have been going on for years. I have lived at this address for over 40 years. We've had a lot

of accidents the last four or five years. We've had four that have caused a substantial amount of damage. Most times when people hit our property they take off. They are driving around with no insurance, no license or registration. I had to go with my homeowner's insurance for the first time in 47 years for one of these accidents, they were very nice and took care of the situation, however, my homeowners' insurance has now increased. I really don't want to look at a guardrail in front of my house but I think it's the only option. Typically I do the repairs myself. Our next door neighbor already has a guardrail. That guardrail got totaled last month. I'm asking that you extend her guardrail to across the front of my lawn about 100 feet. I think it's going to be the only cure to slow the people down. The corner here is bad. He stated that in 2020 the major accident that occurred the guy was coming west from the fire station and hit the fence directly on the end of it, took out my shed and telephone poles. The car wasn't insured, he ripped out the electrical and left us without power but we had put in a generator. Councilor Lally stated at the corner you have a lot of cars southbound. They are coming off of N. Quincy Street and feeling the speed. Some of them do not realize the corner is there and they wind up going clean into the house right at the end. Some of them correct their mistake a little too late and they wind up in Mr. Gorman's property. But even when people are aware there's a corner we still have a problem at this corner. The corner is about 90 degrees and people will take it a little wide. Either they don't want to slow down or they like the feel of the wide corner. What winds up happening is they go into the oncoming lane and if there's a car coming and somebodies not paying attention they wind up hitting each other. Councilor Lally further stated there is a lot of craziness at this corner. The guardrail is one thing, I also think the whole corner really deserves a review. It's something worth evaluating because this stretch of space, there are two properties that receive a lot of cars from accidents. Mr. O' Gorman stated that one of his biggest concerns is the gasoline tankers that go down the street a lot. We do have that 90 degree plus we have another 90 degrees further down by the fire station. The signage work well for a while but now the trucks are back. Councilor Lally stated that it is a no truck street but that they have returned to using the street. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he agrees this should be sent to the Subcommittee but that maybe it's also something that we should send to out to engineering to have them take a look at. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that he believes we visited this location a while back and we spoke about putting additional signage on North Cary Street for the cars coming off of N. Quincy heading south. He stated he believes we discussed putting up a curve ahead sign as well, right next to the driveway of the house that's just south in from the N. Quincy. We had described a new fluorescent yellow sign and then just beyond that was a fluorescent yellow sign with the with sharp curve. We could immediately get those two signs up that would help the issue. Retired Chief Galligan also stated that he believed it was also discussed previously that we were going to put a brighter street light on the corner of N. Cary and Toby Road. DPW Commissioner Hill stated that he would have that looked into. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that it would make sense to put the bright light on N. Cary and Toby and make sure there's a light on the pole north of that pole and make sure there's a pole west of that pole, which would be in front of Mr. O'Gorman's house.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Director Stephen Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: APPROVE THE SIGNAGE, TO SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE, REQUEST AN ENGINEERING STUDY AND APPROVE SIGNAGE.

25. CHERRY STREET AND DIVISION STREET

Requested by: Guilherme Vicente

Request/Issue: Accident Prone Are. The intersection of Cherry Street and Division Street has a history of accidents or near-misses, a stop sign can reduce the risk by enforcing stops and yielding. Requested a stop sign at this intersection.

Discussion: Guilherme Vicente was present and stated that there is a stop sign on Ashland Street. So usually a lot of the drivers over there take that as a takeoff point and then they speed until the next stop sign on Richmond Street. Another problem there is the Division Street part. The lines on the floor are confusing to drivers, they think that it's a forward stop sign. Drivers are expecting the drivers on Cherry Street north to make a stop and then the past couple of years there have been a few bad accidents from cars speeding. He also stated that a few weeks ago one of his tenants' cars got hit because someone was coming down from Hawthorne and did not make the stop and then was expecting the car from Cherry Street to make a stop and the car did a full 90 degree turn and hit my tenant's car. I am requesting a stop sign to minimize the risk of accidents. Retired Fire Chief Galligan stated that we have a four way stop at Cherry and Ford Streets.

Upon duly motion made by Councilor Lally, seconded by Director Stephen Hooke, the motion carried by a hand vote; 8 in the affirmative.

VOTED: SEND TO SUBCOMMITTEE

Motion was made by Councilor Lally, seconded by James Sweeney, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Yaffe

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Secretary to the Traffic Commission

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 25TH, 2024 AND ALL REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, JULY 19TH, 2024.