



MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard J. White, Town Manager

FROM: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

DATE: July 19, 2007

SUBJECT: **TSAC Minutes from July 19, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 8:10AM.

Acting chairman Chief Larry Power called the meeting to order and explained the advisory role of the committee and the normal practices of the committee to the public in attendance. An attendance sheet was circulated and is attached.

Members Present:

- Fire Chief Larry Powers (Joined the meeting at 8:30)
- David Hickey, DPW Director
- Ed Cox, Resident Representative
- Michael Diluiso, Resident Representative
- Joe Montaldo, Resident (Joined the meeting at 8:30)

The Traffic Safety Advisory Committee met on July 19, 2007 at 8AM to discuss the following issues brought before us:

Item 1- The proprietor of the business at 319 Shirley Street – discuss the possibility of having reduced duration of on street parking consisting of a 15 minute Loading Zone abutted on each side by 1 hour parking.

Mr. Bob Smith the proponent described the need to have supplies delivered and to serve customers. He explained that activity in the area is increasing and parking problems are getting worse for his business. When question he explained that he would be satisfied with Loading Hours between 9 and 5 and that his access from Veterans Road was not conducive for loading because of the way his store is setup.

Mr. Gilbert spoke against the proposal citing concerns with multi-families in the area, many of which do not have adequate off-street parking and who have a substantial demand for parking during the day.

Mr. Stanley spoke against the proposal referencing similar concerns about the demand for parking and added concerns that the recently renovated hotel in the area had a variance for parking which is only worsening the situation and the potential conflict with the street sweeping program because this area serves as an overflow for some of the beach streets that are on a different trash schedule.

Mrs. Gilbert spoke against the proposal because of the numerous competing needs for parking and concerns that the proposal may harm some businesses and appears to provide little benefit to the proponents business.

Recommendation:

The TSCA voted unanimously, 5-0, not to change s the existing parking signs for limitations on Shirley Street. The TSAC feels that loading from Veterans Road although purported to be difficult is a much safer and overall less problematic solution to the problem. Member Mike Diluio did some post meeting research on the existing parking regulations and determined that this section of Shirley Street is already regulated as 1 hour parking.

Item 2 – Adding Signage to Pleasant Street in the Vicinity of #270.

The proponent, Mr. Beck, explained that he has experienced significant and somewhat consistent property damage as a result of the awkward turn in the road. He stated that he is not some much interested in added signage as re-alignment and other features such as trees that will lessen confusion to drivers on the westerly side of the road. He supplied photos including aerial shots and previous damage. His report is attached.

Mr. Tsardounis voiced his support for the changes and cited damage to his tenant's vehicles and a high level of concern for pedestrian safety. He would like to see more than just re-alignment of the west side and offered flashing signs, centerline reflectors and possible speed registering signs and possible solutions.

Mr. Farerra spoke in favor of the proposal because of the safety concerns for families and children in the neighborhood. He stated that this is a significant public safety concern with both sides of the street.

Mr. Scalli also spoke on favor of the proposal. He has young children and is concerned with the number of accidents, many of which don't get reported or don't involve the Police.

Recommendation:

The TSAC voted unanimously to have the Town re-align the westerly curb line to be concentric with the centerline of the road and to consider adding a chevron sign and or trees to visually encourage drivers to turn and to reduce speed for the curve.

New Business

During the open session portion of the meeting Mr. Stanley and Mr. Gilbert expressed their concern with a large puddle that forms near the intersection of Shirley St. and Wave Way.

At the request of Dave Hickey, Mrs. Person, the new principal of the Gorman-Fort Banks School discussed concerns and options associated with managing traffic at the school. Her intentions are to have a greater teacher presence along the street and at the school entrance and to minimize

parent access to the existing parking lots. This should encourage drop off only activity, reducing congestion associated with parked or unattended vehicles and vehicles making 3 point turns. This will also improve safety at the school. To accomplish this she would like the Town's permission to allow drop off in the fire lane along portions of the north side of Kennedy and to direct the traffic along Kennedy to turn around in the Cemetery or, with added temporary controls at the cul-de-sac at the end of Kennedy (Editor's note this may require a modification to section 275-39 of the Town Code). There was discussion about the need to keep the south side of Kennedy open for public safety reasons and there were also concerns about the ability of the plan to work in the afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15AM.