



MEMORANDUM

To: Richard J. White, Town Manager

From: Traffic Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC)

Date: 19 November 2008

Subject: **TSAC Minutes from Thursday, 18 September 2008**

Meeting called to order at 8:10AM

Michele Karas explained the advisory role of the committee and the normal practices of the committee to the public in attendance. An attendance sheet was circulated.

Michele Karas explained who would be serving on the committee this morning due to unforeseen emergencies.

Members Present:

- Michele Karas, Parking Clerk – appointed Chairperson for this meeting
- Ed Cox – Member Representative
- Michael Diluiso – Member Representative
- Officer Sean Perrin – Winthrop Police Department

The TSAC met on Thursday, 18 September 2008 at 8:00 AM in the Joseph Harvey Hearing Room of the town hall to discuss the following issues:

Resident request:

A request to discuss the possibility of installing a crosswalk to Shirley Street near Yirrell Beach.

Mr. McNiff of 118 Grandview was first to speak. He protested the absence of the representatives for the DPW and felt they were critical in making the determinations regarding this going forward. Michele Karas assured him that this committee would be documenting all questions and recommendations and would be meeting with Mr. Hickey at a later date this week before making a final determination.

He stated that over the last few years the Public Landing has become one of the most important areas in town. The Town and the Chamber have been promoting our beaches and beach activities to use our open areas. In addition, the MWRA and the island traffic is a concern.

Mr. McNiff mentions specific areas to consider – in the vicinity of 819-821 Shirley where a bus stop is located and in the vicinity of 846 Shirley where the HP parking area is located.

Another resident voiced it is “difficult to cross the street.”

Mr. McNiff continued to state that he had talked to the Chairperson of the Commission on Disabilities, Lee Dzedulionis on seeing if there could be a joint effort between town departments and commissions to get the project funded. He was going to their meeting being held tonight and would again talk to her on this ending his comment period with, “There could be funds from the HP fund to do a joint effort for a solution.”

Mr. Paul Struzziero Sr. of 843 Shirley Street was the next to speak. He has written up a proposal for the TSAC committee to consider (See Appendix A) In addition, he mentioned to consider a “No U-Turn” sign around the HP parking area.

Ms. Ella Cochran of 807 Shirley Street was the next to speak. She stated the area in discussion on the floor is a concern. She feels it is very tight there [870 Shirley Street across to 877 Shirley Street & then to 845 Shirley Street] and if that is where the crosswalks will be painted, most likely it will be in some ones private driveway, which raises safety issues. She feels the beaches are only used for approximately two (2) months a year during summer time and mostly on the weekends (Saturday & Sunday) when the Town promotes the area. She does not see a problem. She also stated the MWRA traffic is limited and happens at certain time slots during the day and it is Monday through Friday, not the weekends when the beaches are being utilized.

Ms. Stacy Marley of 881 Shirley Street was the next to speak. She has children so this is a concern for her. She states the crosswalks should be located where the entrance to the beach is. It would make sense to be able to walk where the opening is. At 3PM, MWRA is an issue with speeding and their lack to stop for pedestrians. She states, “Two crosswalks would be better; consider before the blind spot and there is no private driveway at that location.”

Mr. McNiff adds, “Please consider two (2) signs for “Reduce Speed – Children.”

Ms. Anita “Tink” Martin of 139 Washington Ave was the next to speak. She asks that the committee “consider the pier project before the commission makes their recommendation.”

Officer Sean Perrin of the Winthrop Police Department stated that at 7AM and 3PM when the MWRA is going to/leaving the island the police department can set speed control as an option of heightened enforcement. The WPD is strategically located around town currently. That location will have to be heightened on the list and visited on a more frequent timeframe in hopes to deter speeders or motorists not stopping for pedestrians.

Ms. Catherine Lowney of 841 Shirley Street agrees that that area needs a crosswalk.

Also included in the minutes (See Appendix B) is an email stating Mr. Hickey's list to consider when the commission meets today.

Recommendations:

The TSAC members voted unanimously FOR a plan to install one (1) to two (2) crosswalk(s) in the area of Shirley Street. The crosswalk(s) would be installed by the DPW in compliance with accessibility and meet engineering standards that line up with existing curbs on the beach side. Mr. Hickey states [phone conversation held with Michele Karas, Parking Clerk] the project can be scheduled to start the spring of 2009, weather permitting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15AM

Untitled
CROSS WALK FOR YIRRELL BEACH 09/18/2008

Do to the heavy volume of Traffic, as well as
the blind Spot. We do agree there
should be a
Pedestrian Walkway. The Solution would be to have the Walkway
put in at 870 Shirley street going across to 877 Shirlet Street then to 845
Shirley
Street. There are Three Wheel Chair Accesses
on each side of the walk. As well
as a metal pole in
place at 870 for a sign to be attached Pedestrian Crossing.

On the other side of the street is a Wooden Utility Pole at 877 Shirley Street for
another Sign Stating Pedestrian Walkway. This will give the
Pedestrians Full View
of on Coming Traffic both Ways. As
well as Save Town Money. The Town has the
Paint in the
DPW Yard. Cost of two Triangle Pedestrian Walking Signs is what is
needed. From 870 Shirley st to across Petral Street too 877 Shirley street as
well as to 845 Shirley Street
The two Streets will have
to be Painted to the Pre existing Wheel Chair Access.

Thank You
The Struzziero's

rec'd 09/18/08
AD.

APPENDIX A

Michele Karas - MIS Director/Parking Clerk

From: David J Hickey Jr. [dhickey@town.winthrop.ma.us]
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 3:48 PM
To: Chief David Goldstein; Paul E Flanagan; Michele N Karas; Michael Diluiso; Joseph Montalto; 'Edward J. Cox'; scalla@town.winthrop.ma.us
Cc: Charlotte Fobert; Richard J White
Subject: Re: 9/18/08 TSAC Meeting

Due to a family obligation I will not be able to attend this month's meeting. Steve Calla will sit in for me. My thoughts with the request for a crosswalk are that it needs to be away from the curve and preferably line up with one of the existing Yirrel Beach wall access points (near 821 or 843, or location to be field determined). For the record the "warrants" for mid block crosswalks are:

1. There are 20 or more ped crossings during the peak hr
2. There is greater than 2,500 vehicles per day
3. There is a level area for pedestrians to wait
4. No other crosswalks w/in 500'
5. No sight distance concerns
6. No parking with 20' of crosswalk

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Cc: Richard J White <rwhite@town.winthrop.ma.us>
Date: Monday, September 15 2008 08:29 AM
Subject: 9/18/08 TSAC Meeting
FYI ... the 9/18/08 TSAC Meeting will be held at 8:00 AM in the Harvey Hearing Room. One Agenda item: discuss the possibility of installing a crosswalk to Shirley Street near Yirrell Beach.

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09/18/08

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