



BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting
Thursday, June 23, 2016

The Traffic Commission monthly meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2016, at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. The meeting was chaired by Captain Robert DiBari, Traffic Commissioner. Present were Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, Ken Galligan, Councilor Shirley Asack and DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley. Unable to be present were Councilor Moises Rodrigues, Craig Pina and Mort Schleffer.

Upon motion made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the May Minutes.

COURT STREET and QUINCY/NORTH QUINCY STREET INTERSECTION

Request from Traffic Commission member Craig Pina on behalf of a resident to have "No Turn on Red" signs installed at this intersection.

Subcommittee recommendation: Take no action.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack and a unanimous vote of the members present it was

VOTED: To accept the Subcommittee recommendation and take no action.

PLAIN STREET at EAST STREET

Request from Councilor Paul Studenski to have signage installed at the intersection of Plain Street and East Street in both directions to deter speeding.

Subcommittee recommendation: Place 2 curve chevrons on east side of Plain St for westbound traffic in front of 592 Plain St and 2 curve chevrons on the east side of Plain St across from 571 East St.

Upon motion duly made by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack, and a unanimous vote of the members present it was

VOTED: To place two curve chevron signs on the east side of Plain Street for westbound traffic in front of 592 Plain Street and two curve chevron signs on the east side of Plain Street across from 571 East Street.

LINCOLN STREET HP SIGNS

Request from Traffic Commission member Mort Schleffer on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce to have the signage for HP parking at the Chamber of Commerce building reviewed as they are not easily visible.

Subcommittee recommendation: No change needed.

Upon motion duly made by Councilor Shirley Asack, seconded by DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, and a unanimous vote of the members present it was

VOTED: To accept the Subcommittee recommendation and make no change.

COMMERCIAL STREET

Request from Councilor Anne Beauregard on behalf of BKA Architects, who are on Commercial Street with one side of their building on School Street. The request is to have the 4 parking spaces that are currently designated as 2 hour parking designated as permit parking for this business.

Subcommittee recommendation: We are not opposed to parking on Crescent St eastbound, on the north side of the street between Commercial St and School St. It will be up to the Parking Authority to determine the time frame, meter or permit parking.

Ken Galligan informed the members that there used to be meters on Commercial Street and it is now two-hour parking and that on Crescent Street, between Commercial and Schools Streets there is plenty of room for parallel parking. Captain DiBari stated that it would be up to the Parking Authority to determine the length of time for parking. Ken Galligan stated that the Traffic Commission role was to determine whether it is safe to park on Crescent Street and it is agreed that it is safe. Councilor Shirley Asack asked whether the Parking Authority has been notified and Captain DiBari informed the members that after the vote he will contact Bob Malley and let him know that parking has been approved under the control of the Parking Authority.

Upon motion duly made by DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, and a unanimous vote of the members present it was

VOTED: To accept the Subcommittee recommendation and allow parking on Crescent Street eastbound, on the north side of the street between Commercial Street; and further that the Brockton Parking Authority will determine the time frame and whether it is meter or permit parking.

472 NORTH QUINCY STREET

Request from Councilor Jack Lally on behalf of the resident at 472 North Quincy Street that a guardrail be placed in front of this residence as it is at the intersection with North Cary Street and there are many accidents at this location and some cars are going onto this property.

Subcommittee Recommendation: We will get a price for an 18 foot guardrail and make further determination once the cost is known.

Captain DiBari informed the members that he has been in touch with Brice Getchell and is waiting for a price from him. He expects to receive the cost estimate within the next few days.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, and a unanimous vote of the members present it was

VOTED: To continue this matter to the July meeting.

MAIN STREET

Request from Robert Malley, Brockton Parking Authority, to have the Traffic Commission members review the signage on Main Street between White Avenue and Pleasant Street, in order to clarify and simplify the parking restrictions in that area. Voted to continue this matter to the June meeting for further information from the Department of Public Works.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan, and a unanimous vote of the members present it was

VOTED: To continue this matter to the July meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

DAY AVENUE

Request from Captain Robert DiBari on behalf of Charlie Tartaglia to have "No Parking" signs on Day Ave, due to fire trucks not being able to make it by when cars are parked on the side of the street.

Ken Galligan made a motion to refer the matter to Subcommittee; Captain DiBari stated that he has been to that location several times and it is a very narrow dead-end street and he would like to make a motion to vote on this matter at this meeting. Ken Galligan asked whether parking was going to be prohibited on both sides of Day Avenue and questioned whether there would be sufficient parking for the residents. DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley informed the members that he has problems plowing that street in the winter.

Upon motion duly made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor Shirley Asack, and a unanimous vote of the members present it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

Councilor Shirley Asack informed the members that some residents requested permission to paint the crosswalks in rainbow colors. Rob May is also aware of this request. Councilor Asack informed the residents that they cannot just go out and paint them themselves but she would bring it up at the meeting. Captain DiBari stated that in the past when requests have been made to paint crosswalks, it has been determined that the paint makes the crosswalks slippery and it suggested that it not be done. Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan stated that when it rains the paint gets extremely slippery. Ken Galligan stated that it would wear off quickly and be expensive to do and Councilor Asack stated that the residents stated that they would supply the paint and supplies and do the painting themselves. She believes that this would be a liability issue and the other members agreed. Deputy Fire Chief Kevin Galligan stated that these are pedestrian crosswalks that are for the safety of the pedestrian and travelling motorist; it is not a billboard. This painting would not be in conformance with the state Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Although the Traffic Commission members support the idea of community solidarity but unfortunately this cannot be done.

There being no further business to come before the Commission upon motion duly made by Captain Robert DiBari, seconded by DPW Commissioner Larry Rowley and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: to Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Florio

Secretary to the Traffic Commission