



**BROCKTON TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
MAY 24, 2012**

The Traffic Commission held its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at the Brockton Police Station, 7 Commercial Street, Brockton, MA 02302. There being a proper quorum, the meeting was called to order by Captain Stephen Williamson. Members present were: D.P.W. Commissioner Michael Thoreson, Fire Chief Richard Francis, Ken Galligan, Paul Sullivan, Councilor Dennis DeNapoli and Councilor Todd Petti. Member Ken Goldblatt was unable to attend. Hubert and Joyce Hill were also present at the meeting.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Councilor DeNapoli, and a unanimous vote of all members present, it was voted to waive reading and accept the April 26, 2012 minutes.

As a courtesy to residents present and at the request of Councilor DeNapoli, an issue not on the agenda was discussed informally. Mr. and Mrs. Hill, who live on the corner of Adams Street and Quincy Avenue, appeared before the Commission to request “No Parking” signs on Quincy Avenue. Councilor DeNapoli stated that there are parking issues with people that work in that area and they park very close to their house and to the corner. Mrs. Hill said that they have lived in their house for 40 years and there is a safety issue because people are parking so that their cars stick out onto Adams Street right at the pole at the corner of Quincy Avenue, across from Signature Healthcare. As cars go around the corner, they cannot see, and sometimes large trucks cannot even make it around the corner. Mrs. Hill presented pictures as evidence. Mrs. Hill stated that there is no parking allowed on the opposite side of the street. Ken Galligan asked if there was ever a No Parking sign on Quincy Avenue and she responded that there is no parking allowed in front of her house and there is a sign there. She stated that her fence has been hit many times and that she used to have a gate but someone backed into and she had to remove it. She also has concerns that when the Fire Department has to respond to emergencies there will be difficulty maneuvering the street.

Councilor DeNapoli requested that this issue be informally referred to Subcommittee for review and then placed on the formal Traffic Commission agenda for a vote at the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

BRYANT AVENUE

Request from Councilor Tim Cruise on behalf of Lisa Noonan of 10 Bryant Avenue for an “Autistic Child” sign to be placed at the corner of Bryant Avenue and Pleasant Street.

The Subcommittee viewed the area and recommended as follows:

Install three (3) “Autistic Child – Caution” signs affixed as follows:

1. Pleasant Street on the westbound side across from Fern Street;
2. Pleasant Street on the eastbound side at Troy Street; and
3. Bryant Avenue on the northbound side just in from Pleasant Street.

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

VOTED: To place three (3) “Autistic Child – Caution” signs as follows:

- 1. Pleasant Street on the westbound side across from Fern Street;**
- 2. Pleasant Street on the eastbound side at Troy Street; and**
- 3. Bryant Avenue on the northbound side just in from Pleasant Street.**

Captain Williamson stated that he will speak with Mrs. Noonan and request that should the family move from that location that the City be notified so that the signs can be removed if they are no longer needed.

CENTRE STREET in the vicinity of BATES ROAD

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli to have a crosswalk added on Centre Street in the vicinity of Bates Road. It was determined that a previous request for Addison Avenue was an incorrect location.

The Subcommittee recommends placing a crosswalk at the intersection of Centre Street and Bates Road at pole #78. Pole #78 has a street light that would illuminate the sidewalk.

Upon motion made by Councilor DeNapoli, seconded by Paul Sullivan, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To place a crosswalk at the intersection of Centre Street and Bates Road at pole #78.

SIGNS FOR TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Request from Councilor Dennis DeNapoli on behalf of Trinity Catholic Academy to have informational or directional signs installed at the following locations:

North Main Street; Belmont Street in the general area of the VA Hospital; and Centre Street or Crescent Street in the general area of Christos Restaurant.

The Subcommittee recommends installing three (3) Trinity Catholic Academy signs, purchased by Trinity Catholic Academy, at the following locations pending approval of the sign design:

1. Belmont Street on the eastbound side in front of the V.A. Hospital;
2. North Main Street on the southbound side of Hannah’s Way; and
3. Crescent Street on the westbound side at Christos Way.

Captain Williamson stated that there is construction in the area of the V.A. Hospital and they were concerned about signs being removed. Councilor DeNapoli stated that the signs would not be placed until August, just before school starts. The signs would be the same size and style as the signs around the City for Cardinal Spellman High School.

Upon motion made by Councilor DeNapoli, seconded by Paul Sullivan, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To install three (3) Trinity Catholic Academy signs, purchased by Trinity Catholic Academy, at the following locations pending approval of the sign design:

- 1. Belmont Street on the eastbound side in front of the V.A. Hospital;**
- 2. North Main Street on the southbound side of Hannah’s Way; and**
- 3. Crescent Street on the westbound side at Christos Way.**

NEW BUSINESS

WALNUT STREET

Request from Councilor Tom Monahan on behalf of Mrs. Campbell to have Walnut Street restricted to resident parking only.

As Councilor Monahan was not present at the meeting, the members had limited information as to the purpose of restricting parking on this street.

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

VOTED: To continue the matter until further information is provided.

CALMAR STREET

Request from Captain Williamson to add a “No Parking Loading Zone” sign on Calmar Street by the garage entrance to Circle Performance, 963 Main Street. The business has had problems with cars blocking the garage door entrance.

Captain Williamson stated that the business owner has a problem with vehicles parking in front of his garage door and although the pizza place is great about notifying customers and requesting that they move vehicles, sometimes it can be twenty minutes before a vehicle is moved. Ken Galligan feels that this may be a difficult issue. Captain Williamson stated that there are a couple of parking spaces from Main Street westerly on Calmar Street before this garage entrance and then there is a break in the curbing where the driveway is, but people still park in front of it. There are signs on his door but people do not pay attention to them. Ken Galligan thought that possibly a sign could be placed that was worded “Do Not Block Driveway” or “Active Driveway”. He is concerned that the signage must be clear to avoid confusion as to where people can park. Ken Galligan said that he believes that the south side of Calmar Street from Main Street in has no parking allowed, so that when you turn in to Calmar Street and park on the left you are actually in a no parking zone, although the no parking sign has disappeared. If cars are parked on both sides of Calmar Street and fire apparatus needed to make that turn the truck would not be able to enter the street. He would be cautious about putting up a sign that said “No Parking Loading Zone” on the north side of Calmar Street as it would then be up to interpretation as trucks will be unloading, but if there could be a sign that specifically refers to not blocking this driveway then it would work. The business owner had asked if it would be possible to paint that section of the pavement, but it was determined that was not recommended. Councilor DeNapoli said that if there is a curb cut there, then you are not supposed to park there, and Captain Williamson agreed but said that people ignore that and the business owner is looking for something stronger to discourage the parking there.

Upon motion made by Ken Galligan, seconded by Paul Sullivan, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

COUNCIL ON AGING – FATHER KENNEY WAY

Request from Councilor Tom Monahan to have a “Go Slow” or “Caution” sign installed on Father Kenney Way in the vicinity of the Council on Aging building.

The Commission members were informed that this request actually came from Janice Fitzgerald, Director of the Council on Aging, who said that people park in St. Patrick’s Church parking lot or are walking to the Council building, when they try to cross the street there is a safety issue. Commissioner Thoreson asked if there is a crosswalk there, and it was determined that there is one at Main Street by the Y, but not on Father Kenney Way. Ken Galligan asked what the relationship was that allowed for people to park at St. Patrick’s to go to the Council on Aging, and stated that if a crosswalk is placed at that location then the Commission is endorsing parking in that lot. He suggested that a solution might be to place a sign rather than paint a crosswalk.

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

VOTED: To refer the matter to Subcommittee for review.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, upon motion made by Paul Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Thoreson, and a unanimous vote of the members present, it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Florio, Secretary to the Traffic Commission

Draft: Not yet approved