

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, Delaware

Traffic Committee Meeting
February 16, 2016
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: D/C Kevin Feeney, Andrew Haines, Lt. Fred Nelson, Tom Coleman, Marvin Howard, Tom Parkins

Absent: Dave Gula

1. Request for a blinking light to be installed on the stop sign on Aylesboro Road.

Andrew Haines suggested the stop sign be checked for proper height. Andrew Haines suggested traffic data be reviewed for traffic calming options. Lt. Nelson said there was only one accident to report.

DC Feeney summarized Tom Coleman will check the stop sign at Aylesboro Road to determine it is at the proper height and proper size. Andrew Haines asked Tom Coleman to send results to Lt. Nelson. Lt. Nelson will conduct enforcement if necessary.

Motion by Andrew Haines, seconded by Marvin Howard, to deny the request for a blinking light on the stop sign on Aylesboro Road.

Motion Passed. Vote: 6 to 0.

2. Request for a speed bump at 118 Whitherspoon Lane.

The same resident is requesting a speed bump just after 119 on the right side and 118 on the left side. Andrew Haines said a petition will be need to be obtained prior to considering the request.

Lt. Nelson said according to the speed study this location doesn't meet the criteria for traffic calming. A total of 353 vehicles were logged, 7 were traveling between 30-40 mph, and was the highest speeds recorded.

Andrew Haines suggested providing the resident with the statistics from the speed study and explain the petition process if the neighbors intend to move forward with their request.

Motion by Andrew Haines, seconded by Tom Coleman, to deny the request for a speed bump at 118 Whitherspoon Lane.

Motion Passed. Vote: 6 to 0.

3. Request for a “No Parking” restriction on McKees Lane from E. Cleveland Avenue to Terrace Drive.

Tom Coleman said pulling out of Alder Court with someone pulling onto McKees Lane poses a safety concern. DC Feeney said it is the corner block from Terrace Drive to E. Cleveland Avenue on McKees Lane. Tom Coleman added on both sides of the road.

Andrew Haines asked if Tom Coleman is opposed to painting the curbs. Tom Coleman said he would prefer to not paint the curbs due to the manpower involved in general maintenance. Tom Coleman said he would rather install signs first and evaluate effectiveness before he would consider painting the curbs.

Andrew Haines asked if we reached out to Alder Creek management, Porter Chevrolet and Newark Housing Authority. DC Feeney said at this point we haven't contacted the parties involved.

Tom Coleman said it is a safety concern as emergency personnel will need to get down the road efficiently as well.

Motion by Tom Coleman, seconded by Andrew Haines, to restrict parking on McKees Lane to a point 15' north of Terrace Drive to Cleveland Avenue for accessibility and safety.

Motion Passed. Vote: 6 to 0.

Old Business:

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Lt. Nelson said there is an extensive list of 25 contacts to send correspondence to for the subcommittee and would like input regarding the best way to narrow down the list. Lt. Nelson said he received contacts from Dave Gula for the NAACP. Tom Coleman said he would recommend primary team members as well as focus groups. Lt. Nelson inquired the best way to address the car dealerships. Tom Coleman said Chris Lock from Lang Development should be involved as they own all of Margaret Street and two alternate streets. Lt. Nelson said he would reach out to the car dealerships separately in the hope to obtain one representative that would like to be the voice for all.

New Business:

Tom Coleman said DOW will be requesting a striped walkway on the east side of the tracks. Andrew Haines inquired if it is designated as a walkway he would like to know what MUTCD suggests to limit any liability to the city. Tom Coleman said he would review the MUTCD.

Tom Parkins asked who would conduct a traffic impact study on Toyota World/Marriott. Tom Coleman said he doesn't believe they met the threshold. Andrew Haines said he believes Planning is still going to ask that a study be conducted. Tom Coleman said it will be a Traffic Operational Analysis which you can require to lower a threshold which is an operational analysis of the actual intersections. Tom Parkins asked if DelDOT is involved in the study. Tom Coleman said both DelDOT and the City of Newark will review. Andrew Haines said the City of Newark recently met with DelDOT within the last three months to discuss what their standards are for traffic impact studies. Tom Coleman said the city already had all the same tools just more discretion on when and how to apply them than the county which is more black and white.



Kevin Feeney, Chairman