

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, Delaware

Traffic Committee Meeting
April 19, 2016
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Lt. Fred Nelson, Tom Coleman, Marvin Howard, Tom Parkins

Absent: Andrew Haines
D/C Kevin Feeney
Dave Gula

Guests: Marge Hadden, Councilmember
Darin Powell, Newark resident

1. Request locations for making legal u-turns on Capitol Trail due to u-turns being prohibited at Capitol Trail and Cleveland Avenue.

Lt. Nelson said this was discussed at a city council meeting when the no u-turn sign was approved at E. Cleveland Avenue and Library Avenue. Lt. Nelson suggested making u-turns at the next intersection on Anna's Way.

Marge asked if u-turns could be sent to the next intersection. Tom Coleman said you could make a right on Anna's Way into the jug handle. Tom Coleman said the next intersection permitting u-turns is at Possum Park Road.

Tom Parkins said another option would be to take McKees Lane and turn right on Cleveland Avenue.

Tom Coleman said he would check to make sure the signage is proper at Anna's Way. Lt. Nelson said he doesn't believe signage currently exists. Tom Coleman will provide information at the next meeting regarding signage.

Tom Parkins asked when the no u-turn sign will be installed at Capitol Trail and Cleveland Avenue. Tom Coleman said the city would install and the sign and confirmed these signs are in stock. The sign crew will install when they are available.

Motion by Tom Coleman, seconded Lt. Nelson, by to table this item for the next Traffic Committee meeting when Tom Coleman will provide additional information regarding signage for Anna's Way.

Motion Passed. Vote: 4 to 0.

2. Request for traffic calming at the entrance to Cherry Hill Manor.

Marge Hadden said this concern has been raised on a couple of occasions and was discussed recently at the Cherry Hill Manor meeting. Marge said the two issues are speeding, safety and vehicles not yielding.

Tom Coleman said per the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) stop signs are not recommended to control speed.

Mr. Powell said in Cherry Hill Manor there isn't much vehicular traffic. He said generally the cars yield to one another, however he has noticed speeding issue. Mr. Powell said the children play near the road and is concerned for their safety.

Marge Hadden said there are long term residents that have mentioned their perception is that they have the right of way.

Lt. Nelson said there hasn't been an accident history in the last few years. Lt. Nelson said in September of 2015 a speed study was conducted for two weeks. Lt. Nelson said 58% of vehicles traveling 20 mph or less, 88% are traveling 25 mph or less, 97% are traveling 30 or less. A total of eight vehicles traveling over 40 mph. The average speed is 19.2 mph with a 15 mph speed limit. There is no pattern between speed and day of the week.

Tom Coleman said the Public Works field supervisor conducted a site visit to make sure it could be signed and there was no line of sight issues. Tom Coleman said if the curb corners were moved and tightened up it would provide traffic calming providing a sharp turn that would help to slow the vehicles down.

Tom Parkins asked if they could install bollards. Tom Coleman said Option 1 is to temporarily install bollards for effectiveness and in the long-term move the curb corners. Tom Coleman said Option 2 would need to review the warrants for the possibility of installing stop signs.

Lt. Nelson will forward the speed study to Tom Coleman for further review.

Mr. Powell asked if once the bollards are installed would we consider conducting another speed study to determine effectiveness. Lt. Nelson said that could be completed with no problem.

Mr. Powell asked Lt. Nelson to email a copy of the speed study conducted last year.

Mr. Powell requested a city employee attend the community meeting on May 5th at 7:00 p.m. to help answer any questions. Tom Coleman said the Public Works Department would have a representative attend.

Tom Coleman said he will review the speed study and site to see if it's possible to install the bollards and if so will add paint marks where the curb lines will potentially be moved.

New Business:

Tom Coleman said he received a request to review speeding on Chrysler Avenue for the entire length.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fred Nelson", is written above a horizontal line.

Fred Nelson, Acting Chairman