

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, Delaware

Traffic Committee Meeting
January 17, 2017
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: DC Mark Farrall, Andrew Haines, Lt. Fred Nelson, Marvin Howard, Tim Filasky, Tom Parkins, Dave Gula

Absent: Tom Coleman

1. Review the results of two speed surveys on Blue Hen Ridge Drive due to a prior request for a four-way stop sign at S. Fawn Drive and Blue Hen Ridge Drive.

Lt. Nelson said a speeding complaint was received on Blue Hen Ridge with a request for a stop sign at both north and south Fawn Drives at Blue Hen Ridge. Lt. Nelson said heading north on Blue Hen Ridge at South Fawn Drive there is a yield sign exists on both the left and the right and on North Fawn Drive there are yield signs on both the left and the right.

Lt. Nelson said the speed signs were installed in both the north and south directions. Lt. Nelson said there has been no reported crash history within the last five years. Lt. Nelson said the median average speed in the north direction is 24 mph and 26 mph in the south direction. Lt. Nelson said he doesn't believe opposing yield signs meet the Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and recommended changing out the yield signs for stop signs. Lt. Nelson said currently on Squirrel Lane there is no existing signage. Mr. Gula feels there should some type of signage at this location.

DC Farrall said a similar intersection was brought before the Traffic Committee at Stamford Drive and Country Club Drive. Lt. Nelson said the difference between the intersections is the signage is incorrect. Mr. Haines supports updating existing control devices to current and compliant standards. Mr. Filasky said in many other neighborhoods there is no signage.

Motion by Mr. Haines, seconded by Lt. Nelson, update existing signage per MUTCD standards and codify.

Motion passed: Unanimously

Vote: 7 to 0

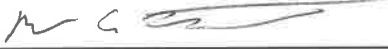
Mr. Filasky said the signage should also be relocated in addition to being replaced. Lt. Nelson said on S. Fawn Drive heading from the west should be relocated for proper alignment.

Lt. Nelson said an amendment to the city code would be necessary for changing out yield signs for stop signs. DC Farrall asked if this would require a second motion. Mr. Haines said the approval of this item would just require an ordinance change prior to changing signage. Mr. Filasky said a future discussion should be that stop and yield signs in specific locations should be codified. Mr. Haines said a solution could be to create an appendix to update. Mr. Haines said we should check with Mr. Herron on codifying reference by appendix.

Old Business:

Mr. Parkins asked for an update regarding Cleveland Avenue. Mr. Filasky said there will be a public hearing on March 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Filasky said this is a workshop and will include future steps including city council approval, DeDOT recommendations, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Mark Farrall, Chairman

Any supporting documents pertaining to this meeting will be held on file at the police department.