

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, Delaware

Traffic Committee Meeting
March 21, 2017
3:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Tom Coleman, Public Works & Wastewater Department

Guests: Susan Grasso, Bike Newark
Glenn Schmalhofer, Newark landlord

1. Request for a stop sign at Townsend Road and Sunset Road.

DC Farrall said this request was received from a constituent to Councilmember Hadden. Ms. Hadden is concerned that intersection is only a two-way stop. Ms. Hadden said the residents are concerned with speeding with small children in the area.

DC Farrall said this request was discussed previously and assigned to the Traffic Division to conduct a speed survey on Sunset Road. Unfortunately, a speed survey was conducted on Winslow Road instead of Sunset Road.

Mr. Haines said if the speed survey results on Winslow Road is analogous to Sunset Road he would not be in favor. Mr. Haines said stop signs should not be used to abate speed.

Motion by Mr. Haines, seconded by Mr. Gula, to table this item to the April meeting and conduct the speed survey on Sunset Road.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Vote: 7 to 0

Ms. Grasso said she represents the Bike Newark committee. Ms. Grasso said the committee hopes in the future to pilot the mini circles at a couple intersections on Orchard Road and if all goes well maybe this could be considered throughout old Newark.

2. Request to remove the special residential parking on the north side of Thompson Circle, starting 100' from Haslet Place and extending 120'.

Mr. Filasky said Thompson Circle is a one-way, narrow street with special residential parking on both sides of the street. Mr. Filasky said it is difficult to maneuver the refuse trucks due to the tight radius.

Mr. Schmalhofer disagreed with removing parking on the inside radius due most of the houses not having driveways. Mr. Filasky said if necessary, these residents could park on the outside radius. Mr. Schmalhofer asked if the committee would consider removing parking on the outside radius due to the majority of these houses having driveways. DC Farrall said his recollection was the reason for removing parking on the north side was it was determined it would be easier for the refuse trucks to navigate the inside radius of the curve. Mr. Filasky said there are more houses on the other side supports Mr. Schmalhofer's suggestion.

Mr. Filasky said flyers were provided to all residents, however they specifically stated the committee was considering removing parking on the north side.

Mr. Haines suggested placing a time restriction to specify no parking Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Mr. Parkins agreed with implementing a time restriction. Mr. Schmalhofer agreed as well. Mr. Haines said he recommends tabling this item and providing new flyers to residents with removing parking on the outside.

DC Farrall asked if fire trucks are able to successfully make it down the street. Mr. Haines asked if there is a CAD function to create this scenario. Mr. Filasky said there isn't however they will look into this.

Motion by Mr. Haines, seconded by Mr. Gula, to table this item for the April meeting and for Public Works to provide a revised notice to the residents.

Motion passed: Unanimous

Vote: 7 to 0

3. Discuss specific locations for "No Parking Anytime" restrictions at the Newark Preserve.

DC Farrall said this item was tabled from the February Traffic Committee meeting.

Mr. Filasky said a request was received by a resident to permit parking in the detached single family homes section. Mr. Filasky said the subdivision agreement allows parking on one side of the road.

Mr. Filasky said Public Works reviewed all parking scenarios and considered any impact it would have, if any in the neighborhood.

DC Feeney said Renee Bensley has requested where parking is prohibited instead of where parking is permitted. Mr. Filasky said the code has been written where parking is prohibited.

DC Farrall said this is just to bring the code into compliance with the agreement between the builder and the city.

Motion by Mr. Gula, seconded by Lt. Aniunas, to accept the proposed language as specified by Public Works to prohibit parking in certain locations at the Newark Preserve.

**Motion passed: Unanimous
Vote: 7 to 0**

Other Business:

Mr. Parkins inquired as to the parking requirement for student occupied housing. Mr. Haines said there is a Planning Commission meeting regarding this topic this evening. DC Farrall asked if there has been discussion to change the model the city uses for a more urban setting. Mr. Haines said the city uses a specific model for parking. Ms. Grasso asked if decisions from the Planning Committee would filter to the Traffic Committee. Mr. Haines said recommendations from Planning Commission go directly to city council.

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.