

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, Delaware

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
May 20, 2008
3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chief Paul Tiernan, Maureen Feeney Roser, Acting Lt. George Stanko, Rich Lapointe, Rick Vitelli, Tom Parkins

Absent: Carol Houck, Pat Fogg, Tom Sciulli, Dave Gula

1. REQUEST FOR A STOP SIGN NORTHBOUND ON VILLAGE ROAD AT THE INTERSECTION OF WHITE CHAPEL DRIVE FOR MOTORISTS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND.

Chief Tiernan received a memo from Roy Lopata indicating Councilmember Clifton's request for a stop sign on the north side of Village Road at the intersection of White Chapel Drive.

Rich Lapointe stated this request was discussed previously and reiterated that Village Road is a private road, not a City road so therefore, the sign would be at the arrangement and expense of the civic association.

Acting Lt. Stanko reviewed the location prior to today's meeting and indicated according to the code you have to stop and make sure it is safe before you proceed. Tom Parkins said that if it is a safety issue could the City install a stop sign and bill the association. Rich does not want to set precedence for the City to install signs on private property.

Rick Vitelli suggested that the committee provide contact information of sign companies to the civic association.

MOTION BY RICH LAPOINTE, SECONDED BY RICK VITELLI, TO CONTACT THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION AND INDICATE NO OBJECTION TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE SIGN AT THE ARRANGEMENT AND EXPENSE OF THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 6 to 0

2. REQUEST TO REMOVE TWO HANDICAPPED SPACES, HANDICAPPED SIGNAGE, AND BLUE PAINTED PARKING LINES AT 6 ETHAN ALLAN COURT.

Lt. Poley received a call from the daughter of the property owner at 6 Ethan Allan Court in Cherry Hill Manor. The owner Joy Murray has moved into assisted living and they are planning to sell the property and therefore is requesting to have the two handicapped spaces, handicapped signage and blue parking lines removed.

Rich Lapointe stated that Cherry Hill Manor is considered private parking so therefore, the City did not install the signs or paint the handicapped parking lines. The removal of the handicapped spaces, handicapped signage and blue painted parking lines is the responsibility of the property owner.

MOTION BY RICH LAPOINTE, SECONDED BY CHIEF TIERNAN, TO SEND A LETTER TO THE PROPERTY OWNER INDICATING IT IS THE OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY AND EXPENSE TO REMOVE THE TWO HANDICAPPED SPACES, HANDICAPPED SIGNAGE, AND BLUE PAINTED PARKING LINES AT 6 ETHAN ALLAN COURT.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 6 TO 0

3. PETITIONS RECEIVED BY COUNCILMEMBER POMEROY TO STUDY TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON DALLAM ROAD BETWEEN BENT LANE AND OLD OAK ROAD.

Chief Tiernan indicated petitions were received from Councilmember Pomeroy for the review of traffic calming measures on Dallam Road between Bent Lane and Old Oak Road. A total of twenty petition letters were received and distributed to committee members for review prior to the next Traffic Committee Meeting on June 17, 2008.

Rich Lapointe said that it appears as though letters were received by 50% of residents from Bent Lane to Old Oak Road and indicated that the following needs to take place; the measure of speed, volume, and check the accident history to indicate whether a traffic study is warranted. Rich Lapointe suggested that Acting Lt. Stanko install a speed counter in both directions.

Acting Lt. Stanko indicated enforcement has began on Dallam Road and the problem is the light at Hillside Road and West Main Street backs traffic down Hillside Road and motorists try to beat the intersection by speeding on Dallam Road at Old Oak Road, Bent Lane or Briar Lane whichever is

closest to get to Nottingham Road. He indicated that DelDOT can't make any more improvements to this intersection.

4. DISCUSS STATUS OF REQUEST TO INSTALL A "NO TURN ON RED" RESTRICTION NORTHBOUND ON CASHO MILL ROAD AT NOTTINGHAM ROAD.

During a traffic committee meeting held on July 18, 2006 a motion was passed to request permission to install a "No Turn On Red" sign at northbound Casho Mill Road and southbound at Delrem Drive at the intersection of Nottingham Road.

Rich Lapointe indicated that this request has not been completed. A hedgerow located on the corner of Casho Mill Road is creating a line of sight issue and interferes with motorists' ability to see eastbound traffic on Nottingham Road. Mr. Lapointe does not feel the owner should be asked to remove the hedgerow, as it serves as a buffer to traffic noise.

Acting Lt. Stanko indicated that motorists' should be using the right acceleration lane, unless motorists' are turning directly into traffic. Mr. Lapointe said he approached the intersection during the red light in the right acceleration lane before he could see close to 250' ahead on Nottingham Road, with motorists' traveling in excess of 35 mph and indicated you should be able to see at least 300' ahead. Acting Lt. Stanko said the request was recently forwarded to DelDOT. Acting Lt. Stanko indicated he would follow up with DelDOT concerning this request.

There being no further business, Chief Tiernan called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION BY MAUREEN ROSER, SECONDED BY CHIEF TIERNAN, TO ADJOURN.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 6 TO 0.

Paul M. Tiernan, Chairman

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