

**CITY OF NEWARK**  
**Newark, Delaware**

**TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**September 18, 2012**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Chief Paul Tiernan, Charlie Zusag, Lt. Hargrove,  
Tom Parkins

**Absent:** Dave Gula  
Marvin Howard  
Rich Lapointe

**Guests:** Scott Mason, Chapel Street Playhouse

**1. REVISIT THE REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ON CHAPEL STREET IN FRONT OF THE CHAPEL STREET PLAYHOUSE.**

Chief Tiernan said the decision was needed whether to make this area no parking or designate as a loading/unloading zone.

Tom Parkins asked what would be best for the playhouse. Chief Tiernan asked Mr. Mason to brief the committee on the issues. Mr. Mason, President of Chapel Street Players said one issue was students parking two cars in a one car parking space in front of the playhouse. Mr. Mason said another problem is exiting the driveway is difficult with the parked cars and in the past has caused some accidents. Mr. Mason also said buses picking up and dropping off patrons have to stop traffic when cars are parked in front of the theater. Mr. Mason said the only wide doors are the front doors so deliveries of large props, furniture, etc. must be carried from the back parking lot to the front.

Chief Tiernan said one possible option would be to change the loading and unloading zone ordinance to include passengers. Charlie Zusag said he didn't feel it was worth the extra effort to change the ordinance for loading and unloading passengers if they weren't going to park there.

Lt. Hargrove said by making this area no parking would prohibit loading and unloading of passengers and if complaints were received they would have to be enforced.

Chief Tiernan said if a bus stops in a loading/unloading zone and someone gets hit by a car asked who would be in violation. Lt. Hargrove said if the loading and unloading ordinance states freight only and the bus is dropping off passengers they could get a summons.

Scott Mason said the only driveway used by the playhouse is the driveway on the left facing the playhouse and is also shared with 23 N. Chapel Street. The driveway to the right no longer exists.

Tom Parkins said he feels the decision came down to a matter of enforcement. Tom Parkins asked which solution provided the least aggravation. Lt. Hargrove said he felt the loading and unloading zone would. Chief Tiernan agreed and said recommended reviewing the possibility of changing the ordinance to include passengers.

Scott Mason asked when a final decision would be made. Chief Tiernan said a vote would be made today and then would go before Council for approval. Scott Mason said he was told if the loading and unloading zone was approved by the Traffic Committee, it then went to the City Manager for approval and did not need to go before Council. Chief Tiernan said that was correct.

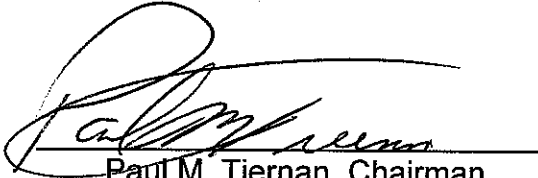
**MOTION BY TOM PARKINS, SECONDED BY CHARLIE ZUSAG, TO SEND A MEMO TO THE CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO DESIGNATE THE AREA IN FRONT OF 27 N. CHAPEL STREET AS A LOADING/UNLOADING ZONE.**

**MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 4 TO 0.**

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

**MOTION BY CHARLIE ZUSAG, SECONDED BY LT. HARGROVE, TO ADJOURN.**

**MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 4 TO 0.**

  
Paul M. Tiernan, Chairman