

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

**Traffic Committee Meeting**  
**May 17, 2016**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Lt. Fred Nelson, Andrew Haines, Tom Coleman, Dave Gula

**Absent:** D/C Kevin Feeney  
Marvin Howard  
Tom Parkins

**Guests:** Marge Hadden, Councilmember  
Darin Powell, Newark resident

**1. Discuss signage on Anna's Way in regard to u-turns.**

Lt. Nelson said the two items on the agenda were a follow-up from the previous Traffic Committee meeting held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Mr. Coleman said there is no signage that currently exists to direct traffic to turn right on Anna's Way for making u-turns. Mr. Coleman confirmed currently there isn't a "No u-turn" restriction in the city code. Mr. Coleman recommended installing signage to allow u-turns from right hand lane and directing traffic around Anna's Way.

Lt. Nelson said there is no crash history for the past three years. Lt. Nelson said there is an existing sign directing Rt. 2 West traffic onto Anna's Way. Lt. Nelson suggested additional signage for u-turns specifically.

Mr. Coleman said the signage states, "U-turn from right lane".

**Motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Lt. Nelson, to sign u-turns by Anna's Way as per the Manual of Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).**

**Motion Passed. Vote: 4 to 0.**

Mr. Haines asked if there is an estimated vehicle count. Mr. Coleman said there is a vehicle count on Anna's Way from DeIDOT. Mr. Haines asked if a post sign count could be obtained for review. Mr. Coleman said DeIDOT has baseline counts from 2010 and last year if needed for comparison.

**2. Update on request for traffic calming in Cherry Hill Manor.**

Mr. Coleman said a few options were considered. Mr. Coleman said the field supervisor is comfortable with installing stop signs if necessary. Mr. Coleman said engineering design solutions were considered. Mr. Coleman said there are drainage structures that exist in the intersection.

Mr. Coleman said an option would be to add a roundabout and move curb lines back, and added benefit would be it would increase parkland. Mr. Coleman said it would be a low cost option and could be done fairly easily. Mr. Powell said the issues he foresees would be removing some trees and removing parking for non-residents. Mr. Coleman said parking could be added where there aren't trees. Mr. Coleman said he would like to conduct a field survey and at the very least investigate the option. Ms. Hadden suggested rather than creating a triangular shape possibly squaring up the shape to keep the trees. Ms. Hadden agreed losing parking is a concern. Mr. Powell asked if a project of this magnitude would be necessary to correct the issues. Mr. Coleman said removing a portion of the road becomes a project to improve the neighborhood. Mr. Powell would like to have a design mock up that he could provide the board showing different options. Mr. Coleman said he could provide a mock up in a couple months due to current backlog of existing projects. Mr. Haines suggested creating a one-way out on Colonial Court to gain parking on both sides of the street. Mr. Powell likes this suggestion. Mr. Coleman said these improvements could be completed in-house and within a few weeks. Ms. Hadden said this is a great low cost option and likes the idea of adding parking. Mr. Powell would like a formal proposal from the city to present to the board.

**Motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Haines, for Public Works to survey the site and provide a sketch of the project at a future Traffic Committee Meeting.**

**Motion Passed. Vote: 4 to 0.**

New Business:

Woodlawn Avenue at the intersection Cleveland Avenue and Library Avenue

Mr. Coleman said on Friday, DeIDOT Traffic, Councilmember Ruckle, and State Representative Osienski met to discuss ways to get more cars out of Woodlawn Avenue. Mr. Coleman said there is enough lane width to create a double left out of Woodlawn Avenue. Mr. Coleman said despite what is thought, a site visit found at least 5 cars get through on every green cycle. Mr. Coleman said DeIDOT is looking into this and would like to have this completed before school begins this Fall.



Fred Nelson, Acting Chairman