

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

**Traffic Committee Meeting**  
**October 16, 2018**  
**3:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Lt. Dennis Aniunas, Mark Farrall, Tim Filasky, Tom Parkins, Dave Gula

**Absent:** Marvin Howard

**Guests:** Jerry Clifton, Councilmember, District 2  
Paul Eldridge, Aetna HH&L  
Kent St. Pierre, Newark resident  
Mike Woodside, Newark resident

**1. Request for a stop sign at Hullihen Drive at Briar Lane.**

Lt. Aniunas said this request was received from Mr. St. Pierre. Mr. St. Pierre said he and his wife have lived in Oaklands for a couple of years. Mr. St. Pierre said they are frequent riders/walkers in the neighborhood and have experienced some near misses at this intersection.

Mr. St. Pierre there are stop signs on Bent Lane, Cheltenham Road and Wilson Road. Mr. St. Pierre said there are no stop signs at Hullihen Drive and is unaware if there is a history as to why there aren't any stop signs at this intersection. Lt. Aniunas said the right of way seems to be Briar Lane.

DC Farrall asked if this exists in the municipal code and the sign was omitted. Mr. Filasky said this location doesn't exist in city code and added stop signs on Wilson Road and Cheltenham Road also aren't listed in city code. Mr. Filasky said a broader discussion for the committee would be to consider updating city code to include all stop sign locations that presently exist.

Mr. St. Pierre said there are stop signs in both directions on Old Oak Road, however Hullihen Drive doesn't have a stop sign in either direction. Mr. Filasky said he believes the stop signs on Old Oak Road at Hullihen Drive are in city code.

Mr. Filasky said in the newer subdivisions stop signs don't exist at every intersection, and the assumption is to yield to traffic on streets where higher traffic volume exists. Mr. Filasky said the idea is to not have stop signs at every intersection within the subdivision.

DC Farrall said if the committee votes to approve the stop sign at Hullihen Drive, suggested including in the memorandum to city council that upon researching it was discovered two other stop sign locations don't presently exist in city code. Mr. Filasky filling in the gap at this time, however notifying city council of the intent to research and update city code in the future where all stop sign locations currently exist.

**Motion by Tom Parkins, seconded by Mr. Gula, to approve the request to install a stop sign on Hullihen Drive at Briar Lane.**

**Motion Passed: Unanimous**

**Vote: 4 to 0**

Following the motion, Mr. Filasky said they would also request to add Wilson Road and Cheltenham Road stop sign locations to city code.

**2. Request for a stop sign at the intersection of S. Dillwyn Road at Adelene Drive and Mulberry Road.**

Lt. Aniunas said this item was requested by Councilmember Clifton. Lt. Aniunas said this item was tabled at the meeting held on August 21, 2018 to perform a line of sight study and another speed study.

Lt. Aniunas said the traffic study was completed and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed was 28.9 mph in both directions. Lt. Aniunas said at the last meeting the committee voted to perform another speed study as well as a line of sight study. Mr. Filasky said either the trees have been trimmed or there was a discussion with the homeowner about trimming the tree.

Mr. Filasky said another recommendation from the last meeting was to install signs that read, "Cross Traffic Doesn't Stop". Mr. Filasky said Public Works will be installing them as soon as possible on the stop signs on Adelene Drive and Mulberry Road.

Mr. Clifton said there was an incident on the 200 block of Edjil Drive in the 200 block where a car traveling along Edjil Drive lost control and ended up on the front lawn of a house. This was minutes after an 8-year-old and 9-year-old had been playing on the front lawn. Due to this incident, stop signs were installed on Edjil Drive.

Mr. Clifton said crosswalks tend to be a traffic calming mechanism and delineates pedestrian flow. Mr. Clifton said he is still in favor of a 4-way stop at this intersection. Mr. Clifton said traveling Anna's Way to Hawthorne Avenue there is a stop sign at the top of the hill on Anna's Way.

Mr. Filasky said Dillwyn Road is a wide road and agrees it would benefit from traffic calming that would provide the illusion of a narrower street. Mr. Filasky said he would like to see that the tree is trimmed and install the "Cross Traffic Doesn't Stop" signs first.

DC Farrall said the committee must review the data and makes recommendations based on what the data supports rather than perception. Mr. Clifton said he feels the lynch pin is the width of road.

Mr. Clifton said crosswalks were installed on E. Park Place and feels it does a good job of raising awareness. Mr. Filasky said he feels these are two separate issues and would question if there is a demand to cross at this location. Mr. Woodside said he crosses at this location and moves quickly with his children across the street. Mr. Woodside said he witnesses speeding often.

Mr. Clifton asked why crosswalks have been installed on 30 ft. wide E. Park Place and this location not be supported is a wider road. Cpl. Vernon said one difference would be pedestrian volume. Mr. Clifton inquired if someone gets hurt why would volume matter in that case. Lt. Aniunas said the data shows this issue doesn't exist at this location. Cpl. Vernon said there have only been three crashes at this location in the last ten years.

**Motion by Mr. Filasky, seconded by DC Farrall, to approve stop sign at the intersection of S. Dillwyn Road at Adelene Drive and Mulberry Road.**

**Motion Failed:**

**Vote: 0 to 4**

- 3. Proposed amendment to clarify City of Newark code, Chapter 20, Section 20-211 "Speed limits established" South College Avenue from Pennsylvania Railroad Bridge south to the city limits – 35 mph.**

Lt. Aniunas said there needs to clarification on which side of the bridge the code is referring to and to define where the speed limit begins. Lt. Aniunas said the recommendation is to change the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph over the bridge. Mr. Filasky said at one time there was a "Begin 35 mph" sign at the base of south end of the bridge. Cpl. Vernon said the sign was removed when the new construction began. Lt. Aniunas said he spoke with Mr. Bilodeau and they would recommend changing the language to Mopar Drive. Mr. Filasky said he believes the street name isn't Mopar Drive but rather Inspiration Boulevard.

DC Farrall asked if the city was able to install the signs due with S. College Avenue being a state road. Mr. Filasky said he would reach out to DeIDOT prior to changing the signs but didn't believe it would be an issue. Mr. Filasky suggested holding off on installing the signs until they are finished with the intersection. Cpl. Vernon said they were informed the sensors are in the ground and the intersection has been completed. Mr. Filasky will reach out to DeIDOT to confirm the work has been completed.

**Motion by Mr. Gula seconded by Mr. Filasky, to approve the speed limit to 35 mph south of the intersection and 25 mph north of the intersection on S. College Avenue at the road name to be determined.**

**Motion Passed:**

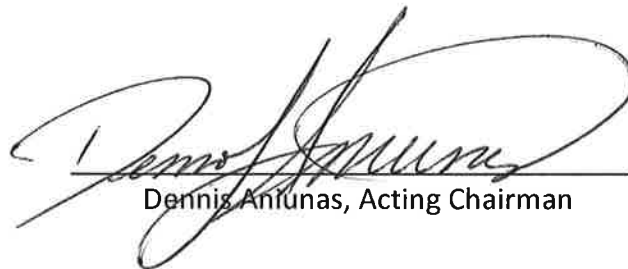
**Vote: 4 to 0**

Lt. Aniunas said he would follow up with Mr. Bilodeau. Mr. Eldridge said he would talk to Mr. Van Campen regarding the name change.

Other Business:

Mr. Eldridge said the new development on Capital Trail at Charlotte's Way and this location used to be no U-turn and inquired if the sign was missing. Cpl. Vernon agreed U-turns should be prohibited at this location. Mr. Filasky said he would look into this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Dennis Aniunas, Acting Chairman

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