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MINUTES
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021
6:30 P.M.

Chairman Prevratil called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag.

Roll Call: Chairman, Frank Prevratil
Dan Hornick
John Gillivan
Dan Judge
George Lashoff
Les Samiof
Kevin France
Liaison Sim
Coordinator Okun
Coordinator Douglas
CPD Liaison Officer DePaulo (Absent)

Chairman Prevratil opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m, the Pledge of Allegiance, and requested all electronic devices be turned off or muted.

Liaison Sim introduced the new traffic coordinator, Stacie Douglas to the group. Coordinator Douglas will be taking over the traffic committee for Coordinator Okun.

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting that was held on September 9, 2021, were reviewed and amended. Mr. Judge reminded everyone that we still need to follow up on slogan suggestions for next year. Would like to put it on the next meeting to discuss any ideas. Mr. Gillivan made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Lashoff seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor of the motion.

The board has received concerns from a resident, Ms. Smith, regarding the traffic on Harriet Street. Due to the Lincoln Avenue construction cars have been using Harriet Street as a detour. Specifically, trucks and there is still a dirt bike issue. Liaison Sim said Officer DePaulo is aware and is working on the issue. Will reach out to Office DePaulo again. Chairman Prevratil will reach out to the resident.

Four concerned residents attended to voice their concerns about traffic on Red Fox Drive and Barker Street.

Dan Espey – 25 Red Fox Drive

Vittorio Canelli – 26 Red Fox Drive

Olivia Townsend – 23 Red Fox Drive

Nancy Miller – 24 Red Fox Drive

The residents are concerned with the increase of traffic over the years. There are more kids in the neighborhood now and a bus stop at this corner. Mr. Canelli has stated there have been accidents in the past and even had his mailbox hit one time. Mr. Espey said a bus was hit a few years ago. Residents would like to see a four way stop or something to slow drivers down. Chairman Prevratil said he is aware of some of the incidents and a traffic count is in order and sight lines are appropriate. Mr. France will reach out to officer DePaulo for an accident history and the sight distance needs to be checked to see if sight warrants a 4 way stop.

Mr. Judge thanked all residents for attending the meeting and wanted them to know that their input is important to the committee.

Mr. judge stated the lawn sign program for this year is complete and will pick back up in the spring. This year signs were on both sides of the street. Next year they would like to only have signs on the even side of the street for double coverage. 30 new frames are being purchased and Mr. Judge will need some help setting them up when they arrive. About 4-5 signs go missing every year but get replaced.

Mr. Gillivan mentioned the bicyclist accident on Central Avenue last month and stated he was not happy with the police blaming the bicyclist. Would like to connect with DOT to suggest flashing lights so motorists are aware of walkers, bicyclists, etc. Committee agreed that during busy times there may be little opportunity for bicyclists to cross. Mr. Gillivan will write a letter to DOT and bring to the committee for review, the committee will endorse the letter to DOT. Liaison Sim stated that DOT has said they will work with us on a public relations campaign, now would be a good time to step up and work with them. Liaison Sim will set up some meeting with DOT, Mr. Judge and Mr. Gillivan will co-chair.

Mr. Judge received some ideas on how other communities are dealing with crosswalks and passed around pictures of murals (stop signs, speed bumps, etc.).

Mr. Judge asked about status of the Solar Signage. Liaison Sim stated that the contract had been received and was signed by the Mayor and himself and returned. This is a grant through Senator Neil Breslin's office, which will allow us to get possibly 5-8 permanent solar speed signs (depending on the cost of each sign).

Liaison Sim updated the committee on the counters on Central Avenue. There is an interactive website we can use to pull data. There is a "how to" video that needs to be viewed to figure out how to see the data.

A discussion was held regarding the Sand Creek Road traffic study. Hoses were placed on Sand Creek Road from 09/29 – 10/07. A concerned resident, Kathy Syndennis (508 Sand Creek

Road) was in attendance and expressed concern for the speeding that has been getting worse. The study did show some concerning information. Liaison Sim stated that this is why these studies are the best and are good base data for our engineers. There is a linkage study out that is due by December and the Sand Creek Road information will be added. We are hopeful the data will help get approval for more studies, possibly from Wolf Road to Albany Shaker Road. Also looking to do studies on Mordella Road, Delafield Drive and Hunting Road. Mr. France stated that he would like to compare this study with the last two from Sand Creek Road to compare. There was one done before Afrim's and one after.

Mr. Gillvan asked how street paving was going. Liaison Sim stated that it is almost complete. A few streets remain, including Jupiter Lane, Tattersall Lane, Tanglewood Road and others. Tattersall Lane flooding was also discussed and will be looked at before paving starts. Liaison Sim will look at it with DPW.

Mr. Gillivan stated he attended a CDTC (Capital District Transportation Committee) meeting and there was discussion about DOT and CDTA working on Bus Plus design from Schenectady to Albany. Liaison Sim stated Mr. Hornick and himself have met with CDTA in the past to discuss this.

Mr. Samiof made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35PM. Mr. Lashoff seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor of the motion.

Respectfully,

Stacie Douglas
Traffic Safety Coordinator