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MINUTES
TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022
6:30 P.M.

Roll Call:

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

Chairman Prevratil opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, and requested all electronic devices be turned off or muted.

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting that was held on March 10, 2022, were reviewed and amended. Mr. Lashoff made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gillivan seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor of the motion.

Chairman Prevratil asked Coordinator Douglas if any residents have reached out with any concerns for the committee.

Coordinator Douglas stated that Ms. Kurzynski from Broderick St. had sent a follow up email about vehicles speeding down the street going 45-55 MPH. There is a black BMV SUV that she sees every morning. Ms. Kurzynski also sent photos from an accident that happened in front of her home on March 14th. A Jeep had come down the street, hit her car and then flipped over. She is hoping the Traffic Committee will discuss putting speed humps on Broderick St. Coordinator Douglas let the resident know that our next Traffic Meeting Committee was tonight at 6:30pm and she was welcome to join and discuss her issue.

Commissioner Prevratil stated we do know that Broderick St. is one of our troubled areas and eventually plan on putting a counter there. He also stated that we will reach out to Officer DePaulo to see if he can locate the black BMW SUV. Any plate numbers or Make and Model of vehicles will get immediately sent out to Office DePaulo. Commissioner Prevratil said there have been numerous traffic studies on Broderick St and most of the traffic issues are neighbors.

Liaison Sim stated that he will reach out to Officer DePaulo and see if he can reach out to Ms. Kurzynski.

Coordinator Douglas also received an email from Ms. Crisafulli at 38 Robert Dr. Ms. Crisfulli lives on the corner of Robert Dr. and Devoe Dr. and is requesting a 3-way stop sign. She stated that cars coming from Devoe do not brake when they turn onto Robert Dr. There are 10-15 young children that live in the area and she is concerned for their safety.

Commissioner Prevratil stated that he has not heard of any other complaints in that area.

Liaison Sim said he is not sure of any accident history at that location. He will reach out to Officer Depaulo to see if there is any accident history.

Commissioner Prevratil notified Coordinator Douglas that there is a street light out on the corner of Sandcreek Rd. and Jodiro Ln.

Coordinator Douglas also received a call from Ms. Stolis at 1 Gabriel Way. Mr. Stolis was questioning is the "Dead End" sign was still needed where Gabriel Way meets Nash Pl. She stated that cars randomly park there, some for longer periods of time. She has called the police in the past.

Liaison Sim stated that calling the police is all that can be done. The Dead End sign can not be removed per MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices).

Liaison Sim handed out a memo on the CDTC study for Sand Creek Rd. Mayor Tobin has recently signed a letter of intent for the study. Liaison Sim and Mayor Tobin will start to meet with a project manager to coordinate. We are very excited to move forward with the Sand Creek Rd study. We have been working on this for 3 years.

Liaison Sim announced that the Electronic speed limit signs have been ordered. Shipping is usually 3-6 weeks, we should be expecting them in 2-3 weeks. We have ordered 4. We will see if they are what we need, if they are we can order more. We would like to start with 2 on Locust Park and 2 on Lincoln Ave.

Mr. Lashoff would like to see a traffic counter on Sand Creek Rd near Sunset Blvd so we can get readings from both ends of Sand Creek Rd.

Mr. France recommended some possible locations for the Locust Park and Lincoln Ave counters. On Locust Park going north near house number 37 and south by numbers 72 and 74. For Lincoln

Ave he suggested where the flags are by Robert Dr going north. For south he suggested near number 35 or 37. He did say that trees may be an issue on Lincoln Ave. Mr. France also asked if signs needed to be on Petra Lane near the Park.

Liaison Sim stated that the majority of the speed issues seem to be between Village Park Dr and Robert Dr.

Chairman Prevatil is concerned that it is already congested down by Petra Ln. There are already railroad signs, on way signs, etc.

Mr. France stated that we may need concrete footings for the signs.

Mr. Gillivan asked if these signs are solar. He also asked what would happen if they went 1 week without any sun.

Mr. France stated that the signs are Solar and Solar battery. He also mentioned that the signs do not need only sun, they still work off of UB rays. They also only use energy when a vehicle is read.

Liaison Sim announced that a 4-way intersection sign was put up at Red Fox Dr and Barker St. He will put a letter together for the neighbors to notify them.

Liaison Sim also mentioned the complaint from Mr. Stack regarding Nicholas Dr and Peachtree Ln. A new line has been painted with the word STOP on the ground and orange flags have been placed on the stop sign pole.

Liaison Sim also updated the Traffic Committee on Mr. Hornick's DOT Safety Publicity Campaign. Mayor Tobin and Colonie Police Departments Traffic Lieutenant are both on board. A meeting is planned in 2 weeks with NYS DOT, CPD and Mr. Hornick to work on pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Liaison Sim mentioned that Mayor Tobin is aware of the upcoming "Ride of Silence" on May 18th for killed or injured cyclists. He just wants to make sure that Colonie Police Department is on board with this.

Mr. Gillivan stated that the ride will take place at 5pm, during rush hour traffic and start at Pine Grove Methodist Church on Central Ave. The Pastor will say a few words at the vigil. The church was chosen because it has ample parking and is close to the last incident with Jeremy Williams.

Mr. Gillivan recently met with Mr. Carl Fleshman and Mrs. Katie Ciota to discuss the Centennial Program Bike Safety Day on July 16th. There are plans to apply for a grant, not sure what we will receive because they appear to be spread thin. We will need Colonie Police Department to work with us on that day. Mr. Gillivan will reach out to Officer DePaulo to discuss.

Mr. Lashoff mentioned flyers for Bike Safety Day as well. He is wondering if we have any in Village Hall. Coordinator Douglas will check.

A discussion was held regarding the pickle ball courts at Milton Park. There are currently 4 courts but 2 are currently blocked off due to parking concerns. Mr. Gillivan has spoken to Mayor Tobin about a possible bike park for children at this location. Mr. Gillivan will apply for a grant.

Liaison Sim stated that there are currently 2 pickle ball courts at Cook Park, Milton Park and Locust Park. Liaison Sim also mentioned if the bike park does happen at Milton Park and is popular, we could always look into putting one at Cook Park.

Mr. Lashoff asked if anyone has the list of houses for the upcoming sign campaign. Coordinator Douglas will email a copy to him.

Liaison Sim stated that it will be a busy summer for the Traffic Committee but it should ease a lot of the traffic concerns in the Village.

Mr. Lashoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM. Mr. Gillivan seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor of the motion.

Respectfully,

Stacie Douglas
Traffic Safety Coordinator