

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2016

PRESENT: Jeff Wennberg, Commander Prouty and Brad LaFaso

The meeting was called to order by Sgt. Prouty at 9:01 A.M. Minutes from the August 19, 2016 meeting were accepted as written. A request was made to add the following item for Chief Kilcullen, to today's meeting agenda: Moulthrop & Ives Avenue bus issue. After adding this item to today's meeting Agenda, our Agenda was approved. No further discussion. All voted in favor.

New Business:

1. Request for bottom tree branches to be trimmed on the North side of Crescent Street between Preville and Geno Avenue (the site line east on Crescent is pretty short) – Shelley Lutz

We will send our City Forester out to this location to check out this concern and take care of it.

2. Cars parked northside of NW school half on sidewalk and half on the street – Shelley Lutz

The parking lot isn't big enough. There is a paved area so cars can park off of the right of way and it's perfectly legal to park there, not on the sidewalk. Commander Prouty will talk to the Principal regarding this issue to be sure that people don't park on the sidewalk. It's a very busy school parking lot. Commander Prouty will plan to walk this area with Shelley Lutz, at a later date.

3. Cars are parking on both sides of Vernon and Phillips Streets, neighbor is concerned that it leaves these streets too narrow for emergency vehicles – Annmarie Wallace

Anne Marie Wallace and Jeff Lewis along with some other neighbors are concerned about the parking on both sides of Vernon Street and Phillips Streets, when there are auctions.

Jeff Lewis mentioned that the dead end of Phillips Street is very narrow and it's a problem when auctions are held, that both sides of the road at the dead end are issues along with both sides of Vernon Street being issues. We understand that there is a right of way to park on green strip. Vernon Street is also posted for 30 minute parking, even though the sign can't be read.

On Phillips Street, we are asking for signage to not allow parking on one side. It's not wide enough for emergency vehicles. Jeff Wennberg asked which side of the street he preferred that people not park on. On the West side. East side is open lot, there's a fire hydrant there. Jeff Wennberg mentioned that he would send the guys out to take a series of measurements. If they can't get emergency vehicle through there, it's an automatic that one side or the other will be no parking. During the last auction, Anne Marie Wallace called the Police to complain about the parked cars. She saw a Police car on Vernon Street when all cars were there. Commander Prouty mentioned that he's not aware of Police or an apparatus not being able to get through on Vernon Street.

It was asked how the Police would enforce the 30 minute parking. It was stated that we could put up readable signs but people may ignore them. Jeff Lewis asked if auctioneer should have some accountability to control the parking. Commander Prouty mentioned that the auctioneer can only be accountable for what he owns.

Anne Marie Wallace is happy with City guys starting to take a series of measurements to see if emergency vehicles are able to get through, in an emergency situation. Jeff Wennberg said that we could explain to people that if an emergency situation arises, it's important for vehicle to get through there. If it's found that the widths are insufficient to allow emergency vehicles through the area, does

this issue need to be brought back to Traffic Safety committee? Jeff Wennberg mentioned that he will let Traffic Safety Committee know the road width and if road width is insufficient, that he'd send a memo out for no parking signs to be installed on one side. Jeff Wennberg will let Anne Marie Wallace know what Traffic Safety Committees's final decision is.

4. Moulthrop & Ives Avenue school bus issue – Chief Kilcullen

Chief Kilcullen went up to this area lastnight. It seems that a box truck or delivery truck couldn't get through this area. It doesn't seem to be the best circumstance for the bus. Could see where this could be a challenge in the Winter time.

Old Business:

Park Avenue and Library Avenue alternate parking signs will be installed soon.

No parking signs on East Center Street – Frankie Gomez phoned Department of Public Works regarding the no parking sign that was installed at the end of East Center Street, closest to Easterly Avenue. Would like to have this sign moved, as he can't park his car there with the sign where it's located.

No parking from here to corner at North End of Nichols Street to Kendall Avenue – Edward Larson. With cars parked close to this North End, it's difficult for cars to see if area is clear, so they can pull onto Kendall Avenue. Jeff Wennberg will have the guys take a look at this area and give their recommendations.

Railroad Tracks on Granger Street – Brad Lafaso spoke with Ben Dellomore at Vermont Railways regarding this tracks on Granger Street, to see when they will be repaired. He is waiting on money and it will be done soon.

Tree on South Main St that needs to be trimmed – Brad Lafaso spoke to Dave Schneider regarding this. He will take care of it.

Other Old Business:

To close out the meeting, Sgt. Prouty asked if there were any other issues to discuss. No further issues were raised at this time. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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