

## TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2019

Present: Chief Kilcullen, Commander Sheldon, Mayor Allaire, Jim Rotondo, Jeffrey Wennberg, Dave Sears, Kim Peters and Rebecca Mattis

Absent: Ted Gillen and Brad LaFaso of Lafaso Electric

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. by Chief Kilcullen

### New Business:

#### 1. Bardwell House parking signs on Washington Street – Chief Kilcullen

When you come down Washington Street, you can't see signs and they don't look official. We need to have new signs to meet USDOT regulations, angled 90 degrees. Jim was asked if he knew what the signs would look like. Mayor Allaire has spent time with Jeff Barrett at the Bardwell House. The parking situation is ok with people who have cars. Mayor Allaire is in agreement with doing new signs. Nobody is paying attention to signs. Jeff asked if we put up new signs, does that mean that we can enforce it? Chief Kilcullen responded that we do enforce it. We are looking to be compliant with USDOT regulations, with the signs that will be installed. Jeff indicated that he is at a loss if the Police can enforce with the signs that are currently up, why we need new signs. He stated that we could change the angle of the existing signs, then stated he didn't have a problem changing to new signs, enforcement is the issue. He also mentioned that signs need to be clear & explainable, they are. Chief Kilcullen, again, stated that we are looking to be compliant with USDOT regulations. Jeff mentioned that he has no objection but is questioning if it's going to make a difference. Mayor Allaire said that it will be both, for the new signs to be compliant with USDOT regulations and Officer Blongy will enforce it.

Kim mentioned that she thought Jeff was right, in regards of where to park. It isn't clear. She Also mentioned that as we change parks downtown, we're looking to add loading zone and trying To create partnerships & good relationships. Adding permanent structure going into Center St Park, only park to work with with businesses. Sometimes when things change, we have to change Other things. City Hall parking, to fix existing City Hall signs. Jeff mentioned that we already Approved that we have to put "Bardwell parking permit" on the signs.

#### 2. Center Street Marketplace delivery access – Chief Kilcullen

There was a meeting on Wednesday of this week to designate one spot for delivery purposes. Mayor Allaire stated that this should accommodate the businesses. On Monday mornings, tractor trailer trucks are backing into Center Street Marketplace. Right by entrance, could be called a Delivery Zone. Mayor Allaire said he would trade that spot for a spot in the lot. Chief Kilcullen Asked if this would be west of curb cut. Mayor Allaire and Kim Peters replied, Yes, in front of Center Street Marketplace. Mayor said that he didn't think we could do 2 spots. Jeff asked what About deliveries from the Alley area? Kim mentioned that there was a lot of fighting this Winter. Parking blocks are pretty big spaces. Mayor mentioned that he's noticed that the delivery driver doesn't have any trouble. Kim mentioned that if a big truck comes, the bollard can be lowered, if need be. Fuel trucks can park, then take their hose in. Key for bollard is the same key we use for everything. Jeff mentioned then we could move the Bardwell sign.

3. Request to install a left & right turn only sign at the west end of Harrington Avenue & Lafayette Street – Bob Weatherby

Jeff mentioned that Bob Weatherby's wife and a fuel truck almost collided, here. Both vehicles were coming up Harrington Avenue, fuel truck was in the right lane and tried to turn left. It was mentioned that there were arrows on the pavement, indicating left side for left turn, right side for right turn. These markings aren't visible, now. Markings are more effective if they aren't faded. Chief Kilcullen asked if Jeff was looking to put this on the back of the stop sign, there. Dave mentioned that there isn't anywhere to put it. This intersection is sign mania. Dave also mentioned that people have it in their brain to stay to the right, here. Rebecca stated that there's no paint. Jeff said there was. Chief Kilcullen decided to deny this request and have lane markings done. Jeff mentioned that Bob had thought this would be helpful.

4. Request for the "20 minute Parking" space on West Street by Fruition to be changed back to "Handicap Parking" – Dave Sears

Dave mentioned that at some point in the past, the director of the Downtown Partnership took it upon himself to make this spot a handicap spot. He had a wheelchair painted in the spot and everything. How did it change to a "20 minute" parking spot? Chief Kilcullen replied that the Chamber of Commerce had requested the "20 minute" parking spot. Dave stated that he has been with the City for 9 years and that isn't our sign. Dave mentioned that a lady had come into the City, DPW, asking for it to return to a Handicap spot. Chief stated that if Dave were to speak to this lady again, mention that she can park in any spot without putting money in a meter, if she has a handicap placard. Dave indicated that he doesn't have a preference, either way. Chief Kilcullen indicated that he's not opposed to this. Go ahead and put the sign up. Mayor Allaire stated that if we will be signing this for handicap and the "20 minute" parking spot is going away, someone needs to tell the Chamber of Commerce. Jeff stated that there are businesses and banks that don't have parking spots. Commander Sheldon will have an officer stop by to talk to Mary Cohen about this.

Rebecca asked if we were talking about 2 parking spaces, one in front of Fruition and the other spot on Merchants Row. Is that spot coming out, too? Can I park there? Chief Kilcullen said that he was deferring to the Mayor, regarding this. Jeff indicated that we are perfectly fine with leaving the one on Merchants Row. Chief Kilcullen said that we will start with putting the Handicap sign in on West Street, in front of Fruition.

Other old business -

1. There's a storage trailer parked on the One-way part of East Center Street, between the street & sidewalk near the Chaffee Center on Main Street. Chief Kilcullen had asked Dave if he knew what parking restrictions were in place and if that includes this area. Dave said that he thought that it's no parking on green space? Chief asked how you would word that. Dave replied, "No parking between curb & sidewalk".

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Nora Moore, Records Clerk

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