

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2015

PRESENT: Commander Geno, James Rotondo, Butch Shaw and Brad Lafaso

ABSENT: Jeff Wennberg

The meeting was called to order by Commander Geno at 9:03 A.M. Minutes from September 25, 2015 meeting were accepted as written and today's meeting agenda was approved by James Rotondo and approved by Brad Lafaso. No further discussion. All voted in favor.

New Business:

1. Request pedestrian warning signage – Granger Street at Plain Street – Gail Johnson of Historic SW Rutland

James asked if there was striping for pedestrians at this location. Lt Geno replied no. James asked if we put a sign out and there isn't striping on the pavement, if this will cause problems. He will look at the MDT manual and will advise us of his findings.

2. Request pedestrian warning signage – Children playing signage-Monsignor Connor Park, Meadow Street – Gail Johnson of Historic SW Rutland

James asked if there is a pedestrian crossing here. Lt Geno replied no. Lt. Geno mentioned that when he spoke to the people at the Loretto home previously, he asked that they cut the trees because it was blocking the sign. He also stated that we need to take a look at this area again. There were a lot of signs on Meadow Street awhile back that we took down. We just need to make sure that we have appropriate signage.

3. Request a 4-way stop at the current 2-way stop at Franklin Street and Brown/Cherry Street – Gail Johnson of Historic SW Rutland

Lt. Geno mentioned that there isn't a lot of traffic at this location and we haven't had any crashes here. There was a brief discussion regarding this. The current 2-way stop will remain in place.

4. Request sign replacement at Franklin Street Terminus near the Bike path – Gail Johnson of Historic SW Rutland

James mentioned that the dead end sign needs to be replaced. He will mention this to Jeff Wennberg so he can have Ricky Battles take care of it.

5. Request pedestrian area sign at Granger Street Bus Stop at Hickory Street apartments – Gail Johnson of Historic SW Rutland

There was a brief discussion regarding this. A decision was made to not put a pedestrian area sign up at this location.

6. Other new business

Lt. Geno mentioned that Ricky Battles has the Jeffords Street sign. This needs to be put in.

Old Business

Other old business

Brad Lafaso report

Park Street light cycle - There was a concern brought to us requesting we change the timing at this location, remove the red arrow and put more time on Park Street going East. Brad Lafaso advises against this. He was working down there last Monday and observed what could happen if we did this. It would be bottle necked and there could be some bad accidents.

Town & Fair tire will be taking 12 seconds to get out of there. James Rotondo asked if it was designed by engineer. Butch Shaw replied yes. Butch stated that the red arrow has been there since 1988. At this time, we had received calls from the Board of Alderman, that people were running the light southbound and nearly hitting people that were turning from Park Street. He has found Park Street to be used as a cut through. If we allowed a right turn on Park Street, we would have no place to stack cars on Strongs Avenue and Allen Street. We made some minor changes on South Main Street to allow more time and adjusted timing at Strongs Avenue to allow places for people to go. If we remove the no turn on red from Park Street, we may be back to having a lot of accidents at this location.

We are currently maintaining. In regards to decorative street lighting, 5 pole heads, now on City lights so we can maintain these.

Lt. Geno asked how South Main Street is going and if it's all fixed. Brad said it's not. There are some issues that Jeff Wennberg needs to address with Tim Pockette. Electrical part is ok. What's left is the phone line issue and they need to run cable to the fairpoint or Vtel box. They owe us training on cameras and documentation manuals for their installation. Lt. Geno asked if they have given us the software. Brad replied no. Butch Shaw mentioned that he's not sure why Tim at Vtrans is holding up things. Brad mentioned that a spare controller would help. The workmanship isn't what we're used to. James will pass this on to Jeff Wennberg.

James Rotondo mentioned that they just fixed the crosswalk on West Street.

To close out the meeting, Commander Geno asked if there were any other issues to discuss. No further issues were raised at this time. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nora J. Moore
Records Clerk

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Captain Tucker
Lt. Geno
Police Commission
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