

Traffic Safety Committee, Meeting Minutes, January 21, 2022

Commander Delpha called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for a stop light to be placed at the intersection of West Street and Ripley Road – Jessica Paradis

Jim talked with Brad from Lafaso Electric regarding signalization at this location. Brad estimated it would cost about \$300,000.00. Commander Delpha mentioned that even if a light were put in, someone is going at all times. Devon said there could potentially be room for a turn lane. Jim mentioned that they looked at traffic counts here. He mentioned that the topic of having a traffic study done, keeps coming up. Commander Delpha mentioned that with the furniture store there, it's difficult at times when vehicles are parked there. We really would need to do a traffic study to see if it's feasible to install a stop light at this location. We would need a proposal from this committee to refer this to the Board of Alderman meeting and then Devon could recommend at the next Board of Alderman meeting, that a city wide traffic study be done. Then, the Board of Alderman would figure out where the funds would come from to pay for this.

2. Request for a faded “No Parking 10 pm – 2 am” sign to be replaced on the building of Rutland United Methodist Church (they refer to it being on the Prospect Street side entrance) – Lori McVeigh

Jim Rotondo mentioned that about 6 years ago, Brennan from the Redevelopment Authority and he talked with Mr. Foley regarding that side of the road. We had wanted to fix it. The owners had temporary barricades put up, instead. Jim mentioned that we will want to see where the signs are. They are our signs. Officer Emilio Rosario talked with Lori regarding this agenda item. The tenants above Muckenschnabels park here. Not sure if signs have been there for awhile. Jim said that we will just replace the 2 current signs with “No parking, anytime “ signs for now and when we work on Strongs Avenue, we will incorporate a permanent solution for this section of Prospect Street.

Other old business - None

Updates from DPW Commissioner in regards to Old Business Items

Changing the time of the traffic lights to blinking - Jim talked with Brad regarding this. Brad thinks that they currently start blinking at 11 pm. Devon mentioned that he doesn't think they all are and mentioned that the Woodstock Avenue/Stratton Road light changes at 9:30 pm. Jim mentioned that there are 26 signalized intersections except for Allen Street/Stratton Road, South Main Street/Park Street and Crescent Street/North Main Street. Brad mentioned to Jim that it would take about a day's work to do all of them and the cost would be \$1,500.00. Jim mentioned that the City has already spent their line amount for the year. If we want to switch the time, we just need to select a time. Let's switch to have them start flashing at 10 pm. The Allen Street/Stratton Road and Crescent Street/North Main Street lights could also be changed, if we want them to be. Jim said he wasn't sure what the lights do if a train comes by, if the light goes to an automatic override.

Pedestrian signs with reflectors – We are waiting for the taller sign posts before we can put these in. Depending on the weather, we should be able to wrap this project up soon. We are doing surveys. We want to bring sketches to this committee for throughout the City. We would like to put together a list for Tom Franzoni so that when spring comes, we can get moving on the plan to get all of the City's signs updated if they are faded and removed if they no longer need to be there.

Officer Emilio Rosario asked if we were making any changes to the West Street/Merchants Row location. He was told Yes.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:36 A.M.