

Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2022 Meeting

Members Present: Alderman Neary, Commissioner Rotondo, Chief Kilcullen

Others Present: Sean Sargent, Connor Quigley, Josh MacDuff, Peter Werner, Steve Little

Minutes

Alderman Neary called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

The first item on the agenda was the review of Amtrak parking. Chief Kilcullen described the issues surrounding the decision to enforce parking restrictions at the Amtrak Station. Shipping containers from construction at Walmart were covering several spaces in the Rutland City lot. RPD received complaints from Amtrak customers about parking availability. There have also been ongoing discussions about parking in Downtown, and the need to move more commuters to the parking garage to avoid “paid parking avoidance”. Commissioner Sargent provided some history of the parking area, and the request from Amtrak to provide dedicated parking and entered into a formal agreement with the City in 2012. Josh MacDuff had found information on the city website that stated a \$50 ticket for non-Amtrak customers in the lot. Connor Quigley mentioned that the issued seemed to revolve around the shipping container placement and now that the containers have been removed, the issue should be resolved. Peter Warner expressed displeasure with the process used by RPD to ticket parkers without warning. Steve Little, the Amtrak Station steward, also offered insight on the parking and did not think there was a perceived safety issue. Steve did say that Walmart was an inconvenience in their shipping containers placed on City property. There is a perceived issue that during construction impacts to the public ROW. The committee decided to continue with no parking but Amtrak customers and will stencil “Amtrak Parking Only” as soon as possible.

The second item on the agenda was the review of parking on the greenbelt. The referral was regarding parking on the green belt on Gibson St, where the greenbelt has been destroyed by routine parking. There are no curbs on the street which has been the method of DPW to reduce parking on the greenbelt. Commissioner Rotondo stated that Lafayette was the first street to add curbing all the way down to improve stormwater transmission but also to deter parking on the greenbelt. The committee voted unanimously on a motion to recommend to the full board a referral to charter and ordinance committee to establish a no parking on greenbelt ordinance.

The third and fourth item on the agenda was the replacement on “no parking” signs on Harrison Ave and stop sign on Oak Street. Commissioner Rotondo provided a map of signage in the City after the signage expert surveyed the city to inventory intersection control signage. He asked the committee for flexibility to replace signage and add signage to control intersections. The committee approved Rotondo’s request to develop a signage inventory and replacement plan.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM

Alderman Devon Neary