

**TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING 1015**  
**Minutes**  
**Planning Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall**  
**Thursday, March 10, 2016**

**Call to Order.** Called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

**Traffic Board Members Present:** Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Giovanni Scaringi, Councilman; Terry Kellogg, DPW Commissioner; Ray Standish, Engineering.

**Traffic Board Members Absent:** William Yeager, Assistant Chief - BPD

**Also Present:** William Lescault, BPD Traffic; Dan Correll, Retired BPD; Katherine Davis, Principal Clerk; Tom Sullivan, BMTS; Mr. Jim Simonis, i3 Electronics

**Approval of Minutes.** Request to approve the minutes **Traffic Board Meeting 1014, held on Thursday, February 11, 2016.**

Moved by: G. Scaringi, R. Standish

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-1)**

Ayes: J. Kraham, G. Scaringi, T. Kellogg, R. Standish

Nays: None

Absent: W. Yeager

**Items Considered**

**167 Conklin Avenue.** The Humane Society is moving to this location and they are requesting a new curb cut coming out onto Conklin Avenue. Traffic feels that if it is too close to Conklin and Telegraph, it will cause a back-up of traffic at the light. Traffic is also questioning the actual need for the curb cut. Traffic will further investigate this with the Humane Society before making a final decision. Traffic reported that they are still wondering what the real need is for this curb cut. Assistant Chief Yeager is concerned about the back-up of traffic at the light if there are two curb cuts. Mr. Kraham is also concerned about the safety of pedestrians walking on the sidewalks. Traffic is going to meet with the Humane Society again and report back. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2016.**

**Oak Street - Alternate Parking Exception.** A resident submitted a request to Councilman Motsavage to have the section of Oak Street from Spring Forest to Cypress Street exempt from Alternate side of the street parking in winter months. The resident states it is difficult to get out in snow and ice when cars are parked on Oak Street are facing uphill. Traffic recommends that it does make sense but everyone agrees that the change shouldn't be made until this season of alternate side parking is finished so that residents who may have gotten tickets don't get upset and complain to the city. Councilman Scaringi will contact the resident and request a petition from other neighbors indicating that everyone would like this change, not just one person requesting it. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2016.**

**Jarvis Street-Alternate Street Parking.** Clinton Street until Grace for parking for seniors. Mr. Scaringi reported that people from the Senior Center are looking for more parking because due to Garo's Garage using a lot of street parking, there are rarely vacant parking spaces on the street. Traffic will look into this further. Traffic reported that there is already a large parking lot available for the Senior Center. Councilman Scaringi reported that he spoke with several residents. They said that the parking lot fills up very quickly during lunch events and parking is scarce. Many seniors are having a hard time finding parking on the street and are having to park far away and then walk to the senior center. He is concerned that if this passes, it would then allow Garo and others to park there even more. He does believe that the net gain is better than the net loss. Traffic will find out how many parking spaces will be gained by passing this request and report back. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2016.**

**Eldredge St.** Traffic will look into the installation of Speed Limit signs. Traffic reported that **there is already a 30 MPH speed sign is when you enter the street from the highway, 81 South. Item complete.**

**Collier Street.** The DA's office is requesting that parking spaces be added to Collier Street since the ramp has been closed. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2016.**

**West End Avenue.** Resident, Cindy Lake is requesting a 4-way stop request at Division Street and Schubert Street. Traffic reported the following. **No action taken. Item complete.**

*"The Traffic Division received the attached correspondence from a Cindy Lake, 75 West End Avenue, through Juan Llinsky of the City Engineer, requesting that West End Avenue at its intersects with Schubert Street and Division Street be designated as a four way stop. At present it is posted as a two way stop for east and west bound traffic on Division Street and Schubert Street, respectively. Ms. Lake is concerned about speeding on West End Avenue through that area and feels that it may contribute to motor vehicle accidents. She indicates that a motor vehicle incident with injuries occurred in that area about five years previous and that her cat was struck by a vehicle just recently.*

*The Traffic Division responded to West End Avenue at the mentioned intersections to observe the traffic use in that area as it conforms to the NYS Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. It appears to be in compliance with the Manual for adequate line of sight, for both the east bound traffic on Division Street and the west bound traffic on Schubert Street, before entering West End Avenue, therefore indicating that a four way stop may not be required. Also, the traffic pattern usage from both the east and west bound streets entering West End Avenue is not sufficient enough to meet the average approach numbers required to support the posting of additional signage.*

*The final review, the Traffic Crash Records of incidents at those two intersections for the previous three years shows only one incident occurring from January 1, 2013 through March 2, 2016. That incident occurred on September 29, 2013 but it is not related to the right of way at an intersection. It involved a south bound motorist turning left from West End Avenue on to Schubert Street in collision with a west bound motorist stopped at the stop sign for west bound motorist on Schubert Street, therefore failure to keep right. The turning motorist claimed the sun was in her eyes at 3:45 PM. That review did not meet the required five or more incidents for a right of way over a three year period.*

*Finally, a stop sign is not a speed control device and cannot be used to control traffic if none of the other right of way requirements do not support its insertion."*

**2 Lorraine Avenue.** Resident is request removal of a handicapped zone. **Traffic recommends the following:**

*The Traffic Division received a verbal complaint from a Mary Jane Seeley of Lorraine Avenue that a neighboring designated handicapped parking space in front of ½ Lorraine Avenue was no longer needed for that residence as that occupant who lived there previously died and the house is now for sale. The Traffic Division, upon following up on that complaint, observed both a handicapped parking and a For Sale sign in front of that location. The Traffic Division then made contact with a resident at that location, a Ms. Barrett, who stated she was renting that location and that she did not need that zone in front of that location. She stated that she moved there recently.*

*The Traffic Division therefore recommends that the Traffic Code be amended as follows:*

*DELETE: Section 22.3A(2) - (Handicapped Parking Zone)*

*Lorraine Avenue – South Side – From 85 feet east of Glenwood Avenue to 107 feet east.*

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**Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-1)**

Ayes: J. Kraham, G. Scaringi, T. Kellogg, R. Standish

Nays: None

Absent: W. Yeager

**100 Eldredge Street.** Curb cut. i3 Electronics moved into this location and they are proposing a parking lot plan which would require a new curb cut. Mr. Kraham has concerns about the design plan because the cars are facing the opposite direction of the flow of traffic. It also appears that the cars could overlap the sidewalk depending on the size of the vehicles. Mr. Kraham will email Planning with Traffic Boards concerns, which include site distance, parking space placement, and the length of the curb cuts. Mr. Jim Simonis said that the company would like to install this parking lot so that its customers can utilize the space so they don't have to walk a long distance from the current parking spaces. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2016.**

**13 Grandview Avenue.** Request for temporary handicapped parking space. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2016.**

**53 Emma Street.** Mr. Scaringi reported that a resident is requesting a handicapped parking space. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2016.**

Adjournment 9:55 a.m.

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**Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-1)**

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