

**TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING #979**  
**February 21, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by A. Block at 10:06AM with the following members present: Asst Chief Yeager, BPD

Also attending: Officer Lescault, Traffic; P. Terrico, DPW; D. Maerkl, DPW; C. Paddick, BMTS; J. Aiken, Signal Bureau; P. Day, Planning; B. Berg, Councilmember, Dave Amdrose, Water & Sewage

Guests: Maryanne Kratz, School Crossing Guard

**Approval of the minutes of Traffic Board Meeting #978 held on January 17, 2013**

P. Terrico made a motion to approve the minutes. B. Berg seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**HAWLEY STREET CROSSING**

Since the last traffic board meeting, the "Yield To Pedestrians" sign has been purchased and installed. The lights are currently still on regular signal. C. Paddick stated that when the lights are regular, the Yield to Pedestrian sign must be removed from the street. It can only be placed in the street when the lights are flashing. Yeager asked if it is possible that the lights are flashing during the day and regular during peak hours. C. Paddick stated that the problem is cars are backing up on Hawley St. Yeager questioned whether or not the lights can be better synchronized for traffic flow. Several people asked if would be possible to have the yield sign on State and Hawley made into a stop sign, thus slowing approaching traffic where pedestrians would be crossing on Hawley. Until a decision is made, DPW will remove the sign

Yeager stated that this matter needs further review before a motion can be made.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**VESTAL AVE/MILL STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

Maryanne Kratz, a school guard is concerned about the children crossing Vestal Ave after getting on and off the bus at this intersection. Livingston does not have any signs for children and she feels that they should be installed. P. Terrico stated that Maryanne is correct. This area is heavily congested with cars and children. Maryanne further stated that this area should be considered a school zone and signs should be installed as such. P. Terrico questioned why this particular bus drop-off/pick-up was chosen as it is a very dangerous area. A. Block suggested that his issue be reviewed by Traffic and that the bus stop be moved to Livingston and Vestal Ave. No motion was made.

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL INTO LOURDES HOSPITAL AT KNEELAND**

Citizens want a left turn signal installed at Riverside and Kneeland so that it is easier for motorists to turn left into Lourdes Hospital. P. Terrico stated that it is very hard to turn left so it thinks it is crucial to install a left turn signal. C. Paddick pulled the latest traffic counts and at the time of the review, the results were that the left turn signal was not needed. She further said that perhaps they should look into the matter again. J. Aiken will look into the cost of a new signal.

**CROSSWALK AT RIVERSIDE AND ROTARY**

K. Davis expressed concern about the crosswalk at Rotary and Riverside. She stated that motorists do not stop for pedestrians attempting to cross Riverside to and from Lourdes Hospital. She suggested that perhaps a Yield to Pedestrian sign should be installed. A. Block will reach out to Lourdes Hospital regarding this issue.

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON FLORAL AVE**

Floral and West End Ave is reported as being a dangerous intersection for children to cross. Traffic will look into this further.

**PARKING METERS ON STATE STREET, SOUTH OF HAWLEY**

P. Day stated that the Planning Department would like to know if it is possible to install metered parking on State Street, south of Hawley. Planning feels that it would enhance the downtown shopping, etc and the city would benefit from the revenue. He also noted that the current city vehicles that park there can park in the State St ramp. It was noted that if the cost is too much to

install the meters, perhaps parking signs could be installed to allow people to park there in the evenings and weekends. Planning requested that Traffic look into this matter. Planning would also like Traffic to look into making Stuart Street metered parking as well.

#### TAXI CAB ZONE-PARADE DAY

Organizers for Parade Day are requesting a temporary taxi cab stand on Hawley Street by the parking ramp and they want the city to install official signs for this. Yeager stated that this is not a good idea to make official signs because they will be there all the time, even after the parade. After much discussion, A. Block suggested that this area become a permanent taxi cab stand on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, after 9:00PM.

#### **Insert: Section 22.5 – Taxi Cab Zone Evenings Only - North side of Hawley Street from Collier Street west to State Street**

***B. Berg made a motion to approve. D. Maerkl seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.***

#### BEETHOVEN/HIGHLAND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

A. Block stated that he noticed that there is no crosswalk at the corner of Highland Ave and Beethoven. Also, the curb cuts are not such that one can easily cross Beethoven from Highland. Traffic will look into this further.

#### HAWLEY/COURT SIGNAGE

Yeager stated that Chief Zikuski would like a new sign installed on Hawley that indicates Right Lane Only/Washington St.

***Yeager made a motion to approve this request. B. Berg seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.***

#### MULTI-UNIT DWELLING & OFF STREET PARKING AT 257-263 WASHINGTON ST

P.Day stated that this area is set to be demolished and made into a parking structure. Planning sees no concerns but wants to know if Traffic sees any problems in this area. B. Berg doesn't see any problems with a two way parking lot because it is only a 25 car maximum. No motion was made

***A. Block made a motion to adjourn. B. Berg seconded the motion. Unanimously agreed.***

Andrew Block  
Chairman - Traffic Board

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