

TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING #980
March 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order by A. Block at 10:09AM with the following members present: P. Torrico and P. Krey

Also attending: Officer Lescault, Traffic; D. Correll, Retired BPD; C. Paddick, BMTS; J. Aiken, Signal Bureau;
Guests: Marianne Thompson; Sharon and James Thompson, citizens; Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk' Office; Dana and Brenda Sidonan, citizens

Approval of the minutes of Traffic Board Meeting #979 held on February 25, 2013

Krey made a motion to approve the minutes. Block seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

HAWLEY ST/COLLIER ST INTERSECTION (C. PADDICK)

At the corner of Hawley and State, the crosswalk needs to be more visible and the stop bar is in the wrong place. Shark teeth also need to be painted in the crosswalk.

A Yield sign will be installed on the right side of the street in addition to the existing Yield sign already placed on the left side. If this does not slow traffic down, a stop sign could replace the Yield signs.

P. Krey made a motion to approve. P. Torrico seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Put the lights on Hawley St. on blinking yellow for a while and put out a press release to inform the public of the change.

P. Krey made a motion to approve. P. Torrico seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

To offer more visibility when turning from Collier, remove one parking spot and move the handicapped parking spot down one on the Northside of Hawley.

P. Torrico made a motion to approve. P. Krey seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

CROSSWALK AT HIGHLAND AND BEETHOVEN (TRAFFIC)

Traffic reported that the current curb cut is actually an entryway for service vehicles to enter the park. He recommended no crosswalk be installed because there are appropriate curb cuts and they crosswalk cannot be at a diagonal.

No motion.

RIGHT TURN AT WASHINGTON ST (TRAFFIC)

At the request of the Chief of Police a sign was erected on Hawley St as an advance notification that the right lane is a right turn onto Washington Street.

No motion.

BUS STOP ON VESTAL AVE (TRAFFIC)

Officer Lescault reported that the buses are stopping on Vestal Ave because it is the only place they can do so inasmuch as the buses can't stop within 100 feet of an intersection.

Paddick, Lescault and Correll will look into this request further and report to the board at the next meeting.

21 DAVIS ST-HANDICAPPED PARKING REQUEST (TRAFFIC)

Citizen has requested that a handicapped parking space be placed in front of 21 Davis St. Traffic reported that there is a back drop off only area at the back of the house but that the stairs are not conducive to a handicapped person using them. D. Correll indicated that the citizen should submit a written request and that they will need a handicapped tag as well.

Traffic is going to look into who the citizen is and if they already have a tag.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL INTO LOURDES AT RIVERSIDE & KNEELAND (PADDICK)

C. Paddick researched the peak hours "level service" at this light and reported that there appears to be no need for a left turn only signal to be installed.

C. Paddick will further investigate any accidents within the past three years which will determine if the left signal should be installed. She will also look into when the flashing lights are coming on and turning off.

CROSSWALK AT RIVERSIDE AND ROTARY (A. BLOCK)

Concern that cars are not stopping at crosswalk on Riverside Dr, at the Rotary intersection.

P. Krey noted that DPW will put crosshatches on the current crosswalk.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ON FLORAL AVE (A. BLOCK)

A citizen has concern that students are not able to safely cross Floral Ave. Traffic reported that there is no curb cut on the north side of Floral and that a curb cut needs to be installed there.

DPW will install requested curb cuts.

NEW BUSINESS

CHELSEA SQUARE

Dana Sidonan, requested a "No Parking Anytime" sign at Chelsea Square in First Ward due to safety measures and limited access for emergency vehicles.

Officer Lescault will go out to the street and follow-up on this request at the next Traffic Board meeting.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT CORNER OF LEROY AND OAK

J. Pelletier noted that a citizen is concerned that the 2nd traffic light at this corner is not functioning.

Paddick stated that it should be functioning and that she will look into the matter and see that it will be turned back on.

15 MINUTE PARKING ON OAK AND LEROY

J. Pelletier noted the owner of the new store at this corner would like to have 15 minute parking installed around this corner to better facilitate his customers.

D. Correll will check with retired Sgt. D. Edwards on this matter.

P. Krey made a motion to adjourn. P. Torrico seconded the motion. Unanimously agreed.

Andrew Block
Chairman - Traffic Board

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