

TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING 1008
Minutes
Planning Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall
Thursday, July 9, 2015

Call to Order. Called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

Traffic Board Members Present: Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Bill Berg, Councilman; Terry Kellogg, DPW Commissioner, William Yeager, Assistant Chief BPD; Gary Holmes, Engineering

Traffic Board Members Absent:

Also Present: Katherine Davis, Principal Clerk

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes Traffic Board Meeting 1007, held on Thursday, June 11, 2015, as amended.

Moved by B. Berg, seconded by T. Kellogg

Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-1)

Ayes: B. Berg, J. Kraham, T. Kellogg, W. Yeager

Nays: None

Absent: Perkins

Items Considered

Mary Street and Sherwood Avenue. Ms. Marcia Huntoon of 152 Mary Street is requesting a barrier or guide rail to protect her property at the corner of Mary Street and Sherwood Avenue. She indicated that the request is based on numerous accidents and near accidents at that location. Traffic board requested additional follow-up with Ms. Huntoon. Mr. Correll reported that there were only two incidents at this location and it had nothing to do with the cars coming down the hill. The Traffic Division does not see a reason for a barricade at this location. Mr. Perkins asked why the stop signs are on Sherwood Avenue and not Mary Street when Mary Street is the more traveled route. He will take a drive to look at this location and Ms. Paddick will look into counts (in May) for this intersection as well. Mr. Perkins reported that he will have the data by the July Mtg. **Hold until August 13, 2015 Traffic Board meeting.**

Handicap Ramp install-Corner of Prospect Street and Glenwood Avenue. Councilman Motsavage requested that Traffic Board to look into this installation per a resident in his district. Concern is that the location of the installation is too far from the intersection making it a potential safety issue.

Traffic reported the following at the June 2015 meeting:

The Traffic Division responded to that intersection to review the concern. Paint markings for the curb cut and crossings were indicated on the sidewalk. It appears that the planned location of the cut is on the south side of Prospect Street about fifty feet east of Glenwood Avenue with a corresponding curb cut on the north curb line, which is about eighty feet east of Glenwood Avenue. It is assumed that a crosswalk would run north and south between these two cuts. The concern is that instead of being a location where a wheel chaired pedestrian is visible to motorist and vice versa it located around an acute angled corner making visibility limited thus creating a hazardous condition.

A statement in the attached motioned correspondence states that a city engineer said the "the corner at the light is too crowded with signal boxes and utility cables to install at the light". There are several utility colored markings indicated on the sidewalk probably supporting his statement, however, it would not support the moving of the crossing or curb cut placements if it jeopardized pedestrian safety.

It is unsure what action transpired to make this issue relevant as there were not reported increases in handicapped usage in this area. A new business did open on the south west corner of that intersection with new sidewalks and curb cuts installed, and it could be assumed that with their requirement to place handicapped ramp curb cuts with the installation of a new sidewalk , that this would require handicapped ramp access for all the corners.

If this was the issue and the new business assumed the expense of the sidewalk placement and compliance with utility access through that corner, then the expense to make the other three corners utility accessible would be assumed and borne somewhere but not at the expense of pedestrian safety.

The Traffic Division therefore recommends that the proposed curb cuts and assumed crosswalks not be moved from its present location.

T. Kellogg will go out to this site to look into it further and report back at the August meeting. **Hold until August 13, 2015 Traffic Board meeting.**

Chenango Street and State Street. B. Berg wants to confirm that the crosswalks will be painted from Countrytowne to CVS. G. Holmes noted that this area will be mill and paved soon and the sidewalks will be repainted after the project is done. G. Holmes also pointed out that there was a concern about the pedestrian islands.

Adjournment.

Moved by B. Berg, seconded by T. Kellogg

Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-1)

Ayes: B. Berg, J. Kraham, T. Kellogg. W. Yeager, G. Holmes

Nays: None

Absent: R. Perkins