

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2018

Attendance

Russell Timmons, Police Captain & Chairman of Traffic Safety Committee; Kenneth Vincent, City Council Representative; Robert Belmore, City Manager; Shanna Saunders, Director of Planning & Community Development; Paul Robidas, Director of EMS; Jenne Holmes, Member at Large; Mike Bobinsky, Public Works Director; Keith Hoyle, Fire Chief.

Meeting called to order at 2:04 pm.

I. Minutes

Motion to amend October 18, 2017 Minutes per Bob Belmore change “Government Council” to “Governor & Council”, Director Saunders motioned to change “que” to “queue”. Keith Hoyle motioned approve minutes, Jenne Holmes seconded.

II. New Business

- 1. Handicapped Parking Sign, Pleasant Street.** Captain Timmons received a request from Lamont Stuart who lives at 2 Pleasant Street asking if the City would create a handicapped parking spot. He expressed difficulty getting a parking stall from landlord. Councilor Vincent asked why is this not the responsibility of the landlord to add a spot to his parking lot. Captain Timmons said he wanted the spot closer to the building. Paul Robidas also noted this is the owner’s responsibility. Captain Timmons will reach out to Lamont to have him go to his landlord for a new handicapped parking spot. City Manager Belmore noted that the landlord should have the appropriate number of handicapped spots for the handicapped people in his building. Councilor Vincent also said that if we were to allow a handicapped spot on street, it would be for anyone who is handicapped; it would not be just for Lamont. Request denied by Committee
- 2. Tri City Plaza Intersection.** Captain Timmons read email from Councilor Witham regarding pedestrian lights at Tri City Plaza. Mike Bobinsky stated we did have Electric Light installed new Ped Buttons (audible for hearing impaired). It does work appropriately. When pressed it shuts down all lights for pedestrians. Captain Timmons asked do we add “yield to pedestrians sign”. At this time Committee feels it is not needed, it would be overkill with signage. Mike Bobinsky noted that the audible is low and will make the request to Electric Light to make it louder.

Captain Timmons asked if anyone had any other new business.

- State Market downtown is asking for 2 parking spots for his tenants. If they are assigned it falls under leasing agreement for parking, it will be \$200 per spot per month. . Paul Robidas asked if this sets a precedent. Councilor Vincent asked why don't they use the parking lot for the Market, have parking spots designated in the parking lot? Mike Bobinsky noted if we did have post out front it would make snow removal difficult. Captain Timmons noted let the record reflect there is not support for this request.
- Director Saunders mentioned that The Hall at Great Falls has opened with several events already taken place. She asked Captain Timmons if there had been any issues with parking. Captain Timmons said there has not been. Paul Robidas thinks we have to wait until there is a larger event to really see how this will affect parking.
- Councilor Vincent noted he had resident Rick Fournier call him regarding. W. High Street. Rick is concerned about when there are snow events the sidewalks are buried and cars park on the sidewalk. The problem is that the shoulders/sidewalk and property have no clear definition from each other and makes it harder when there is a snow event. Worried about kids being in the street because of no visible sidewalks. Mike Bobinsky said there is no an official sidewalk, it is an open area that people park on. He noted that we plan to review the sidewalk area and paint stripes to mark sidewalk. Director Saunders said the next TAP available maybe we can prioritize this area of concern. Councilor Vincent noted he will report this to Council at the next meeting.

Paul Robidas motioned to adjourn, seconded by Keith Hoyle. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m.