

**Minutes of the
Traffic Safety Commission
December 1, 2016**

Richard T. Flickinger Municipal Center
Council Chambers

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Keith White. Chairman White led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Jacqueline Liston called the roll.

Commissioners Present

Keith White - Chair
Karen Berkowsky
George Karagozian
Amit Shah
Theresa Sorensen

Commissioners Absent

C. Norman Rockel
Ted Sievert

Village Staff Present

Trustee Bill Gear
Trustee Ed Ramos
Chris Tomich – Public Works
Captain Bill Porter - Fire Department
Officer Adam Tabor - Police Department

Commissioner Sorensen moved to accept the minutes of the September 1, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Berkowsky seconded the motion.

The motion **passed**: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstains

Commissioner Shah	Aye
Commissioner Sorensen	Aye
Commissioner Sievert	Absent
Commissioner Rockel	Absent
Chairman White	Aye
Commissioner Karagozian	Abstain
Commissioner Berkowsky	Aye

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Review - Requesting Parking Restrictions on Narragansett Ave between Hennings Ct and Capulina Ave; and on Capulina Ave between Narragansett and Ferris Aves.

Mr. Tomich stated that construction in the area was completed in 2014 and the area of Narragansett was not public right-of-way, but has since become so. As this area is very close to the train station, it is under special permit parking due to commuters taking up street parking. The Village recommends prohibiting commuter parking and has taken the necessary steps to notify area residents.

Chairman White noted that an area resident had requested that the restrictions be put in place only Monday through Friday.

William McFadden of 8634 Narragansett Ave stated that expanded parking would cause hardship for many of the residents as most homes have 2 cars but only a one car garage. He mentioned that he also believed there was a security issue with allowing nonresidents to park on the street, as well as spillover from the new Moretti's development. He recommended that the Village look into possibly selling time restricted guest passes in the future.

Officer Tabor stated that the police department supports the proposed parking regulation.

Commissioner Karagozian then moved to support the temporary parking restriction to make it permanent as recommended by Village staff with additional restriction of Monday - Friday.

Commissioner Shah seconded the motion.

The motion **passed**: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains

Commissioner Shah	Aye
Commissioner Sorensen	Aye
Commissioner Sievert	Absent
Commissioner Rockel	Absent
Chairman White	Aye
Commissioner Karagozian	Aye
Commissioner Berkowsky	Aye

Request for Review - Requesting parking restrictions on Theobald Road between Menard Ave and Major Ave; and on Mango Ave and South Park Ave near the recently constructed intersection.

Chairman White stated that the street improvements addressed a safety issue.

Mr. Tomich noted that there are existing parking restrictions coinciding with the stop signs, as parking is not allowed within 30 feet of the signs. The Village feels that now is the right time to indicate where people are and are not allowed to park within this area. The recommendation is also to omit the stop signs at the Mango and South Park intersection.

Dr. Saba Kahn of 8542 Mango stated that because of the alterations to the intersection the flow of traffic has changed, especially with the mosque being in such close proximity. It has also been noticed that many commercial vehicles for landscaping businesses park in this area which is a parking and traffic concern for residents. She also noted that more signage indicating the curve in the road may be helpful to drivers.

Mr. Tomich noted that Public Works does not support or oppose the addition of signage proposed by Dr. Khan and leaves this to the discretion of the Commission.

Commissioner Karagozian asked if there were any alternatives with a more aesthetic look than signage.

Mr. Tomich stated that there were, but mostly those materials are only used for commercial areas; and the ability to use such materials would need to be reviewed by Public Works.

Scott Schaffer, whose elderly father is a resident on Theobald, stated that getting in and out of the driveway is a huge issue as a result of speeding cars disregarding the speed limit. He suggested that a speed radar sign could possibly alleviate this issue.

Mr. Tomich stated that Village staff is proposing to prohibit parking on the south side of Theobald from the west side of the driveway at 5731 Theobald to a point 195 feet east of the centerline of Mango; and on the north side of Theobald from the service driveway at the mosque to 5711 Capulina. Parking restrictions are recommended from 20 ft south of the crosswalk on Mango through the turn to 20 ft east of the sidewalk on South Park.

Ron Friedman of 5743 Theobald stated that there is an issue in the area with people disregarding the stop sign at Menard Ave., especially during mosque services. He asked the Commission to consider no parking on the entire south side of Theobald between Menard and Major. He noted that it may also be difficult for emergency vehicles to get down the street during peak times.

Commissioner Karagozian asked if there was a specific reason why the restriction did not go through to Menard.

Mr. Tomich stated that the village was trying to minimize the disruption of the status quo, because there is a known demand for on-street parking during services at the mosque.

Captain Porter stated that the Fire Department did not see a problem, especially as there

is the emergency progressive parking program in place. He noted that if cars were properly parked on both sides of the street, there is adequate room for emergency vehicles. If there are cars stopped in the middle of the street, as on any street, emergency vehicles cannot get through. Firefighters know to go a different route should they get a call on Fridays during services because it is known to be a congested area at that time.

Officer Tabor commented that the Police Department has an active directive for speeding enforcement on Theobald.

Chairman White asked how many feet of parking there was from the sidewalk at Menard and Theobald to the driveway at 5743 Theobald.

Mr. Tomich stated there were approximately 2 parking spaces in that area, possibly 3 with a shorter vehicle.

A resident on Theobald commented that she believed removing additional parking along Theobald beyond the limits recommended by village staff would facilitate speeding and cause more residential driveways to be blocked; she therefore favored keeping the on-street parking in place.

Commissioner Karagozian then moved to recommend to enact a parking regulation consistent with limits shown in the exhibit attached to the staff report, and also that the stop signs at South Park and Mango be removed.

Commissioner Shah seconded the motion.

The motion **passed**: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstains

Commissioner Shah	Aye
Commissioner Sorensen	Aye
Commissioner Sievert	Absent
Commissioner Rockel	Absent
Chairman White	Aye
Commissioner Karagozian	Aye
Commissioner Berkowsky	Aye

OTHER BUSINESS / COMMENTS

There being no further business, Commissioner Karagozian moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorensen and approved unanimously pursuant to a voice vote at 8:12 pm.