

**MINUTES**  
**PARKING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

8:00 A.M. – Thursday, November 13, 2014  
City Hall – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lown called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

**Members Present:**

Councilor Brad Lown  
John P. Bohenko, City Manager  
James Heinz, Deputy Fire Chief  
Frank Warchol, Police Captain  
Peter Rice, Public Works Director  
Ronald Cypher, Member  
Ted Gray, Member  
Harold Whitehouse, Member  
Shari Donnermeyer, Member  
Mary Lou McElwain, Alternate\*

*\*(Alternate votes in place of Members when absent)*

**Staff Advisors Present:**

Andrew Purgiel, Deputy Finance Director  
Juliet Walker, Transportation Planner  
Terry Desmarais, City Engineer  
Tom Cocchiaro, Parking Manager

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

**No minutes available**

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

**Moved to accept the October 2014 Financial Report and place on file.  
Motion passed.**

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Action Item: 118 Maplewood Avenue parking problem Dr. David Schopick -  
**On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to table items and contact Dr. Schopick regarding his parking concerns.**

B. Action Item: Request for Residential Handicap space at 263 Hanover Street -  
Resident Debra Baptista stated her name and address 263 Hanover Street. Mrs. Baptista is a disabled veteran and requested a spot in front of her home be marked handicapped. **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to have the parking space in front of 263 Hanover marked as handicapped.**

C. Action Item: Request on Aldrich for stop signs- Vince Lombardi –

Resident Vince Lombardi, 75 Aldrich Road, presented his concerns about cars speeding down Aldrich, where Aldrich intersects Boss Street. Mr. Lombardi said speeding cars pose safety concerns for residents.

Mr. Lombardi provided a few options he felt could control the issue, one option is to have a three way stop sign placed at the intersection of Aldrich and Boss. The next option could be to have raised cross walks placed at the same intersection. The third option would be to have enforcement placed at the intersection. The last option would be to have the residents place their cars on both sides of the street to slow traffic.

**On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to place a raised cross walk in the intersection of Aldrich and Boss in 2015.**

D. Action Item: 2-Hour parking signs returned to Islington Street - Dr. Angela Lambert - A 2 Hour parking sign will be returned per ordinance.

E. Action Item: Wibird Street parking inset- Susan Dixon – Susan Dixon, 68 Wibird addressed the committee regarding the need for a driveway and parking space in front of her family's residence. **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to have a curb cut with a driveway apron placed at 68 Wibird.**

F. Action Item: Additional taxi stand spaces - **On a unanimous roll call 9-0, voted to have a taxi stand at 69 Pleasant Street after hours in the loading zone. A letter will be sent to the Taxi Commissioner regarding the approved location and to gather information about the need for more taxi stands.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discussion Item: Haven Road - Councilor Lown- Report back on this issue in December.

B. Discussion Item: Portwalk Place – Determine if Portwalk Place is being used as a valet service road and report back on valet agreement.

C. Discussion Item: Islington/Congress traffic light – A request to review Islington/Congress intersection traffic light was presented to Public Works staff. Staff will review to determine if improvements can be made and report back.

D. Islington/Congress Intersection traffic light- Public Works staff to report back if improvements can be made.

E. 865 Woodbury Avenue road way- Public Works staff to report back findings

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sherry Brandsema, 865 Woodbury Avenue, addressed the committee with safety concerns when backing out of her driveway, and when residents are trying to cross the street. Cars traveling at

high speeds pose a safety issue. Mrs. Brandsema offered the following suggestions to address her concern: increase speed traps, increase fines for speeding, and install more effective signage and stop signs.

Mr. Joe Calderola, 170 Dennett Street said since the Maplewood Bridge has been closed traffic has increased, and he feels a speed sign would help cut down on speeding.

Mr. Rice said, the Parking and Transportation staff is working with the School Department and the Department of Transportation to place signage more effectively on this road to address the issue. The Public Works department will also review alternative solutions to address speeding.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL:

A. Bike Corral location to be discussed in February 2015

IX. ADJOURNMENT - At 9:01 a.m., voted to adjourn.