

**Mayor Tracey Furman**

**Council Member Darin Bartram  
Council Member Sean McMullen**



**Council Member Conor Crimmins  
Council Member Duane Rollins**

**Traffic Committee Meeting Notes  
Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Council Member Darin Bartram, Matt Hoffman (staff), Daniel Martin, and Anne-Marie Turner; the Town's Traffic Engineer, Joe Cutro, was also present.

**Public Attendance:** Erin and Robbie Speece; Al Lacey; and George Buckwalter.

**Call to Order:** 7:05 pm

**New Items**

- 1. *Petition – Request to Restrict Parking along the west side of the 10500 Block of Wheatley Street to Two (2) Hours, 7 am – 5 pm, Monday through Friday, Except by Permit.***
  - The Committee accepted the petition from Erin Speece on behalf of the 10500 block of Wheatley Street.
  - Council Member Bartram reviewed the petition with the Committee and it was noted that the west side of the 10500 block was previously restricted as 'No Parking' and was changed by the Council through Resolution R-08-2013 to allow parking along the west side following the recommendation of the Traffic Committee.
  - The Committee reviewed a parking evaluation of the block submitted by the staff and determined that the study was not representative, as it was completed during holiday weeks; staff was asked to continue the evaluation.
  - The Committee recommended having the Town Council review the petition request at the February 12, 2018 Council Meeting.
- 2. *Petition - Petition to Request Speed Bumps along the 3400 block of Oberon Street and the 10500 block of Wheatley Street.***
  - Ms. Speece stated that the request for speed bumps was to help reduce speeds along the street; she also noted that although the block has time restrictions, they are rarely enforced and do not prevent speeding.
  - The Committee discussed the possibility of adding a sidewalk and also expanding the Town's enforcement budget to help with reducing speed/enforcing restrictions.
  - The Committee asked the staff to have the Town's Traffic Engineer crosshatch possible speed bump locations on Oberon and Wheatley for the Town Council's review at the February 12, 2018 Council Meeting.

**3. Discuss Business Parking (Blue Lot) at the Kensington Train Station.**

- The topic was tabled until the next Traffic Committee meeting.

**Old Business**

**1. Discuss traffic control options at the intersection of Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street.**

- The Town's Traffic Engineer, Joe Cutro, presented a slideshow discussing sightline issues with the intersection, as there are obstructions that prevent the required sightline of 160 feet to both the east and west of the intersection. Mr. Cutro discussed the positive and negatives of the following remedies:
  - i. Remove the trash cans to the east and west of the intersection (no negatives with respect to traffic/parking).
  - ii. Move the existing 'No Parking to Corner' sign to the east by one parking space; which would create a temporary loading/standing area. Mr. Cutro noted that there would still be an issue, but only when vehicles are parked within the loading/standing spot.
    1. The Committee noted that losing a parking space may be of issue to certain businesses.
  - iii. Installing a three-way stop sign. Mr. Cutro stated that this would resolve the issue; however, the traffic volume and reported incidents do not justify the placement of a three-way stop.
  - iv. Create a bump-out similar to what was done at Kensington Parkway and Montgomery Avenue, which would shorten the crosswalk, slow traffic, and force vehicles to enter Howard from a greater radius.
- The Committee discussed the proposed recommendation and asked the staff to have the Town's Traffic Engineer crosshatch the proposed bump-out and have a sketch/pricing for review at next TC meeting.
- The staff will remove the trash cans.

**2. Review Radar Recording Device data for the 'No Left Turn' sign at the intersection of northbound Kensington Parkway at westbound Kent Street.**

- Council Member Bartram noted that Code Enforcement Officer Snow stated that there were no significant increases or decreases in traffic volume for a two week period before and after the time restriction was disabled.
- The Committee recommended that staff continue to monitor the intersection and report back at the next TC meeting.

**Adjourn: 9:00 pm**