

## **Traffic Committee Meeting Notes Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

### **Attendees:**

Committee Chair: Sean McMullen; Darin Bartram Co-Chair

Committee Members: Leslie Olson and Eli Sola-Sole

Staff: Town Manager Daily and Code Enforcement Officer Snow

Guests: Michael Bruggeman, Peter Rickman and James Cooper

### **Call to Order: 7:05 PM**

### **Review of Old Business**

1. **Armory Avenue and Baltimore Street Intersection** – Discuss the possibility of installing a brick or cobblestone surface. Chairman McMullen advised the members that the new speed hump on Armory Avenue was installed on Thursday, December 1st. Staff will do further research on intersection material possibilities
  
2. **Baltimore Street, Prospect Street, and Washington Street Intersection** – Traffic calming options. Chairman McMullen advised that he had discussed with Dr. Cooper the solicitation of input from adjacent residents on Baltimore, Prospect and Washington Streets near the intersection about the possibility of installation of a speed hump, to be located between Summit Avenue and the intersection. Staff would provide a list of addresses and residents to Mr. Cooper to contact. It was noted that the existing temporary speed hump at the intersection would be removed due winter snow plowing. And that Prospect Avenue is scheduled for resurfacing this coming spring and the hump could not be installed until that is complete.
  
3. **Calvert Place and Washington Street Intersection** – Discuss the possibility of installing a brick or cobblestone surface. It was explained that the temporary speed hump would be removed for the winter. Staff provided a possible solution to the stop sign violations. It would entail extending the north curb line of Washington Street to tie in with Hadley Place, extend the Nellis driveway to Washington Street. Close Calvert Place at the common property line between 3909 and 3907 Calvert Place, so it would become a cul-de-sac. The property owners at 3907, 3905, 3903 and 3901 would only have to access that portion of Calvert Place from Kensington Parkway. The committee suggested that Mr. Nellis be contacted and if he wanted to proceed with this approach he be asked to solicit input from the neighbors all along Washington Street and Calvert Place, between Kensington Parkway and Connecticut Avenue, for concurrence.

### **New Items**

1. **Kensington Parkway (Flynn Park) Parking** – Discuss changing the street parking along Kensington Parkway, in front of Flynn Park, from 1 hour parking to 2 hour parking. Chairman McMullen advised that the Mayor had received a request to expand the one hour parking spaces along Kensington Parkway in front of Flinn Park to two hour limit in order to help out the new

restaurant in the Johnson Shopping Center. The Committee concurred that the limit should be increased to Two Hours on the south side of the street.

2. **Montgomery Avenue Parking** – Discuss changing the street parking along Montgomery Avenue from 1 hour to 2 hour parking. Chairman McMullen advised that the Mayor had received a request to remove the two hour parking signs along the street to accommodate commuters. The committee rejected the idea, primarily due the residents and businesses in the area.
3. **Wheatley Street (10500 block) Parking** – Discuss prohibiting parking on the west side of Wheatley Street (10500 block). Mr. Bruggeman and Mr. Rickman presented their views on the removal of the “NO PARKING ANYTIME” signs on this segment of Wheatley. After considerable discussion it was determined that the staff would provide notice to the residents along the street that a proposal to restore the no parking signs, on the Westside of the street, will be on the M & C Agenda for December 12<sup>th</sup>.
4. **Howard Avenue Crosswalk** – Discuss placing a crosswalk between the MARC train station and Howard Avenue Park. Chairman McMullen discussed a request to consider a pedestrian crosswalk near the exit from the Train Station near the Prevention of Blindness building. The request was based upon the large number of pedestrians crossing Howard Avenue from the parking lot to the park for the summer concerts. Based upon the fact that an existing speed hump exists very close to that area the Committee determined to take a closer look at the issue.
5. Chairman McMullen briefly raised the issue of the lack of no parking restrictions along Armory Avenue from Howard Avenue to Knowles Avenue. Apparently, someone had brought it to his attention. After a brief discussion it was determined that there was no overwhelming pressure to make a change at this time.