

Traffic Committee Meeting, Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Committee Chairs: Sean McMullen; Darin Bartram Co-Chair

Committee Members in Attendance: John Doherty, Brian Imirie, Leslie Olson, Karen Sage, and Eli Sola-Sole

Call to Order: 7:10 PM

Review of Old Business:

Armory Avenue – Discussion of Speed Hump Placement and Petition

After considerable discussion it was determined that Staff should proceed with the installation of an asphalt speed hump. In addition staff was asked to look into installing shrubbery and/or bush in the Connecticut and Armory Avenues and Baltimore Street triangles block the line of site onto Armory to help discourage motorists from viewing Armory Avenue as a clear option.

Dupont Avenue – Review of Speed Hump Petition

The committee reviewed the petition received by the Town signed by 14 dwellings out of 19. The location of the two humps was discussed. Staff was asked to move the eastern hump further east by 3-5 feet. And move the western hump further west within the 24 foot designated area by the traffic engineer. Staff would instruct the contractor NZI make the changes.

Calvert Place and Washington Street – Update on proposed Intersection Reconfiguration

Chairman McMullen deferred action on this item in that there was no one in attendance to speak on the matter. In addition, Staff did not have input from the Traffic Engineer on the citizen proposal of moving the connection further west.

New Items:

Prospect Street – Discuss the Request for Speed Hump(s) between Summit Avenue and Washington Street.

Jim Cooper appeared and presented a petition for a speed hump on Prospect Street, between Summit Avenue and the intersection of Baltimore and Washington Street. Staff indicated that Prospect was scheduled to resurface on the next phase of the Town's paving program, which would be either spring or summer. Mr. McMullen requested new traffic counts and requested staff to contact MCPD to add this intersection for selective enforcement of the stop signs at this location.

Howard Avenue – Discussion of Howard Avenue and Fawcett Street sight line concerns

A brief discussion of a speed hump, three way stop and sight distance occurred. Code Enforcement Officer Snow explained the normal process at a stop sign is to stop at the stop bar than proceed with caution into the intersection.

MCP Enforcement – Discussion of 'hot spots' for MCP Enforcement

Due the lateness of the hour, Chairman McMullen decided to defer this issue until the next meeting of the Traffic Committee. He indicated it would be in late November or early December.

Traffic Committee suggestions

- Try to have more regular meetings (every other month?), scheduled well in advance
- Send agenda draft a week or so before meetings, to allow members to add or update items
- Keep minutes (This will help us save time and avoid rehashing old items or remembering details)
- Keep track of Old Business, New Business, Future Topics, etc. with dates, so we can focus on cleaning up old agenda items
- Keep everyone in the loop via a Traffic Committee listserv that would disseminate communications (emails from the public) to everyone on the committee.
- Always have the flipchart stand with the map of the town available in the meeting room, so everyone can visualize the area or issue more clearly
- Remove the inactive members from the Committee (about half the email group) and put out a call for new, interested citizens to join