

MINUTES
PARKING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

8:00 A.M. – Thursday, December 11, 2014
City Hall – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

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
Peter Rice, Public Works Director
Ted Gray, Member
Harold Whitehouse, Member
Mary Lou McElwain, Alternate

Absent:

Frank Warchol, Police Captain
Ronald Cypher, Member
Shari Donnermeyer, Member

Staff Advisors Present:

Andrew Purgiel, Deputy Finance Director
Rick Taintor, Planning Director
Tom Cocchiaro, Parking Manager
Eric Eby, Parking & Transportation Engineer

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

Moved to accept meeting minutes of November 13, 2014.

Motion passed

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Moved to accept the November 2014 Financial Report and place on file.

Motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Action Item – Keefe House- Resident Handicap Parking – Marge Crean a resident at Keefe House, 20 Islington St., representing the Keefe House residents the residents requested additional handicap parking spaces within a reasonable distance of the Keefe House. **On a unanimous roll call 6-0, voted to have City staff put together a memo with the number of spaces in the City, and review handicap parking requirements for City and building owner, with a report back to PTS Committee. (Councilor Lown recused himself from the vote)**

B. Action Item: Peirce Island park - Riah Forbes – Riah Forbes a Portsmouth resident requested more safety measures put in place around Peirce Island Park to provide safety for dog owners and their dogs as they cross the road. **On a unanimous roll call 7-0, voted to table item to be able to review comments from the petition and consult Pierce Island Committee for their input as to additional signage.**

C. Action Item: Harborcorp Deer Street – Chris Thompson with Harborcorp, and Giles Ham with Vanasse & Associates provided details about a proposed building at Deer Street, and how the design of the building considered current issues with parking, bike storage and access, and bus access in and out of the area.

Mr. Rice said the traffic impact study is being reviewed by the City's consultant and will report back to the Committee once the review is complete.

No action is being taken at this time.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 118 Maplewood Avenue parking problem David Schopick - Vicki Laplume representing Dr.Schopick, said due to new construction, the parking spots in front of the business and on the opposite side of the street are being taken by construction workers. **Voted** to have the City staff review construction mitigation management plans to ensure contractors are complying with agreements, and will watch the area to determine if construction workers are parking in these parking spots, and take appropriate action.

B. Haven Road - Principal Grossman, at the Little Harbour School, said they were still experiencing traffic backups during pick up and drop off times. **Voted** to have sign updated and posted on site, sign shall read “No parking or standing” in the area used for loading and unloading. Signs to be placed at the end of Haven Road. If signs do not work, Mr. Whitehouse indicated he would offer his services to direct cars during pick up and drop off at school hours.

C. Portwalk Place – **Voted** to have Parking and Transportation Division staff review parking activity during the weekend to ensure compliance with approved operations.

D. Islington/Congress traffic light – Mr. Rice said review of the right on red light and its effects on traffic has not been completed at this time. **Once the review is complete, DPW staff will report back to Committee.**

E. 865 Woodbury Avenue road way- Mr. Rice said he believed the Police had conducted a StealthStat of the road traffic, and thought we may have a report back at the next PTS Committee meeting. The City also has a Request for Proposal to evaluate that section of the roadway for safety, speeding and, functionality. **Once evaluation is complete staff will report back to Committee.**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

VIII. INFORMATIONAL: None

IX. ADJOURNMENT - At 9:35 a.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cynthia Huyghue-Fancy
Secretary to the Committee