

TRAFFIC COMMISSION AGENDA
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024
REGATTA @ 7:00 P.M.

New Business

1. Boston Post Road and Delancey (Tina Maresca)
2. OWPR and Center Parking Block needs replacement (Rita O'Connor)
3. Palmer Avenue and Palmer Terrace Lighting at Entrance (Robert Stark)
4. Rockland Avenue Safety Concerns
5. Town of Mamaroneck Speed Hump New Policy Discussion and Sub-Committee Formation

Old Business

1. Vision Zero Update and Sub-Committee Formation (Leilani)
2. Bike Lane Update (Dan Sarnoff)
3. Crosswalk Discussion and Sub-Committee Formation
4. Crown Court and Knollwood Update (Dan Sarnoff)
5. FASNY at 145 New St. Stop Sign (Dan Sarnoff)
6. Fenimore and Cortlandt Visibility (Sid Albert)
7. Highview Street Parking Expansion (Adelina Clarke)
8. Florence Park Parking and Signage Update (Dan Sarnoff)
9. Mamaroneck Ave OWPR to Grand Parking Meters Update (Dan Sarnoff)
10. Mamaroneck Ave and Waverly and Van Ranst "Don't Block the Box" (Tina Maresca)
11. Signage for Metro North RR Bridge Update
12. New St. and East OWPR No Parking Sign needed (Dan Sarnoff)
13. Park and Hunter Ave Follow up with DPW (Dan Sarnoff)
14. Union Avenue Update (Dan Sarnoff)
15. 814 Hall Street Referred to Village Staff
16. DPW Action Required for Royal Place and OPR Hedges Overgrown
17. 625 Stuart Avenue Issues with Removing No Parking Sign
18. Safe Routes to Schools Updates

Approve April 9, 2024 Minutes

Village of Mamaroneck Traffic Commission
Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024
Meeting held at the Regatta Conference Room, 7:30 pm
Minutes Prepared by Tina Maresca

Present: Ryan Buck, Chairperson; Commission Members: Dave Brown; Tina Maresca; Robert Stark; Erica Swansen, Ana Caracas-DeLeon.
Leilani Yizar-Reid, Trustee Liaison; Lt. Galvin, VOM PD; Dan Sarnoff, Deputy Village Manager(zoom); Andrew LaRocco, VMFD liaison; Elaine Du
Residents: Edward Murray, Logan Infantino, Joseph Infantino, Mr. Wagner, Carrie Wagner, Michael Babcheck, Pauline Patat Banon, Mr. Banon, Sid Albert; Mike Smeets of LM Bike Lanes(zoom); and Diana Reilly of the Rye Neck SRTS(zoom)

Absent: Laura Abbate

Ryan made a motion to open the meeting at 7:35 pm. Erica seconded. All in favor.

Introductions

Welcome to Ana Caracas-DeLeon, new member of the traffic commission.

New Business

Safe Streets and Roads for All/Vision Zero - Grant

- Issue: To create a Village wide plan to make streets safe for all pedestrians and drivers.
- Discussion: Planning grants give the opportunity to create a plan. Later there are implementation grants that can be applied for. SS4A Grant - Elaine helped Larchmont get this grant. Gives you the money to develop a village wide plan. Specific improvements, designs. Having the plan allows you to go for other grants more easily. Helps prioritize everything. 100-400K is where we should try to land. It is a 20% matching grant but doesn't need to be matched in cash, can be matched in kind(employee hours, volunteer hours, rental of facility for meetings). Money allows you to hire and work with a consultant to see what the Village needs. Different strategies and improvements that are needed, for example adding sidewalks, bike lanes, crosswalks, push buttons all way stops at traffic intersections. Grant application is simple and straightforward. Next deadlines are May 16 and August 29. Mike suggests making sure we budget it correctly. Suggests looking at

the Norwalk plan which was extremely detailed. Dan spoke to Matt & Elaine after the last traffic commission meeting to come up with a complete streets plan for the Village. He asked them to come up with a budget estimate for that. reach out to underserved communities. Once you gather that they will look at any missing gaps, create a safety analysis. This committee could lead in identifying priorities. We should apply by the May 16 deadline, so that if we don't get the 1st one you can reapply before the next deadline. Erica recommends adding extra funds to allow us to take the plan to the next step. Demonstration grants and additional planning grants are available.

Action: Dan will schedule a meeting with Matt, Elaine, the grant writer, and Leilani within the next week.

Fenimore Rd/Cortland Ave

Issue: Limited visibility when exiting Cortland Ave onto Fenimore Rd causing a dangerous situation.

Discussion: Mr. Albert explained it is difficult to see coming out of Cortland Ave onto Fenimore Rd. He mentioned it has gotten worse since Waverly has been closed and that Cortland at Delancey is similarly dangerous. Tina mentioned that the same is true coming out from Monroe Ave to Fenimore Rd. Ryan mentioned there was an accident at Cortland and Fenimore yesterday around 6pm. He asked Lt. Glavin to get more information. Ryan explained he lives near there and agrees and also explained we have been trying to calm traffic in that area for a while. The parked cars as well as the hill on Fenimore is causing limited visibility. Elaine mentioned 1 option would be convert the intersection to all way stop (more extreme) depending on volume. Another option is to remove parking at the corners (daylighting). We can limit the no parking to daytime hours if overnight parking is needed. St. John's Church - can parking be allowed during non church hours?

Action: TC will add this to our spreadsheet to make note of the issue.

Old Business

Fenimore Rd/Bub Walker Park near I-95 Safety Concerns

- Issue: A resident emailed with safety concerns for pedestrians along Fenimore Rd beginning in the Town of Mamaroneck, past the I-95 exit ramp.
- Discussion: Dan would like to work with the Town to do a walking assessment of the area. Dan would like to complete the crossing guard request for Mamaroneck Ave/95 before asking them to put one at Fenimore/95. Rockland Ave bridge belongs to the TOM so we would need them to work with us to create a sidewalk for that. Tina asked how far up Fenimore we would go for the study and asked if we can go all the way up to Palmer or at least Stanley Ave because crossing at Stanley is dangerous as well. Dan said we should wait until the Waverly Ave bridge reopens before doing study so that it is back to the normal traffic pattern.
- Action: None at this time

Request to Remove a Parking Space on Royal Place from Resident at 814 Hall St

- Issue: One resident requested removing a parking space on Royal Place.
- Discussion: Residents of Royal Pl. presented a petition asking the traffic commission to NOT approve the removal of a parking space. Many were upset that they were not notified of the possible change. They were under the impression that all parking would be removed and the street was going to be changed to be made into a one way street. Ms. Patat Banon explained they only requested the removal of 1 parking spot across from their driveway on Royal Pl. David explained there was no proposal to remove all parking and change direction of the street. Tina explained that may have just been part of the discussion but nothing was decided. After the last meeting the Village was supposed to reach out to all the residents there to see if they are opposed to the removal of 1 parking space. Residents were upset that the Village did not reach out to them. Several residents that were present said there

is a huge need for parking and they are opposed to removing the parking spot. Ryan explained that parking is at a premium Village wide and we have been trying not to eliminate parking when it is not necessary for safety. Mr. Banon explained that it is rare that a car parks in the spot they are asking to be removed but when a car parks there it makes it extremely difficult for them to back out of their driveway. Ms. Banon explained residents on Royal PI do not use that spot to park. She thinks it is only being used by visitors. Leilani and Dan explained they really try to avoid removing parking spaces unless it is a public safety issue. The group proposed that the Banons park on an angle in their driveway to make it easier to back out since their driveway is large. Tina asked why they do not park in their other driveway that is located on Hall St. The Banons explained there is not an entrance to their house from that driveway. Dan said accident history is usually what drives something to being unsafe and at this time it sounds like there was only 1 accident.

Action: No action to remove parking will be taken at this time.

OWPR/Grand – Walking Study Recommendations

Issue: Pedestrian and traffic safety issues at this location. Dan distributed the AKRF study for the TC to review. Laura, Erica & Tina spoke to Washingtonville residents and explained the results of the study from 2022.

Discussion: Residents were in favor of the recommendations that were suggested. Neighborhood would like to at least move forward with the pavement markings and shorten the crosswalks and adjusting the location of stop signs. Re-adjustment of the stop sign on OWP Rd. Need more detailed drawings.

Action: Elaine will get a proposal to Dan for the more detailed drawings of the pavement markings.

Crown Court and Knollwood Avenue – Pedestrian Safety

Issue: Many residents have requested pedestrian safety measures at this location. The Traffic Commission has requested the traffic consultant to look at this location and make appropriate recommendations.

Discussion: None

Action: Dan will speak to Matt about this.

Metro North Bridge at Mamaroneck Ave & Fenimore Rd

Issue: Long-term problem of trucks getting stuck at the Metro North Bridge.

Discussion:

Erica reviewed what is currently there and came up with the following conclusions. Erica explained all the signs are in compliance. Some approaches to the bridge do not have warning signs. Leading up to the bridge in 4 out of 9 approaches do not have warning signs. Erica will send a list to the commission. We should put those signs up where they are missing. Flashing LED signs will be more beneficial, cost is about a couple thousand dollars so should be feasible.

Leilani mentioned that at Modern on the Rails a crosswalk is needed near the restaurant. Dan can reach out to metro north. Jean asked if unneeded signs would be removed. Dan said we will not remove them per AKRF report recommendations.

Action:

2 Motions were made:

1. Erica made a motion to install 4- W12-2 low clearance warning signs at the approaches to Mamaroneck Ave & Fenimore Rd bridges at the following locations: North bound on Mamaroneck Ave approaching, Halstead Ave approaching Mamaroneck Ave south bound approaching Hoyt Ave approaching Fenimore Rd, Bishop Ave approaching Fenimore Rd, Tina second, all in favor.
2. Erica made a motion for enhanced LED signage to replace the existing W12-2 signs at South bound Mamaroneck Ave approaching the metro north bridge and N bound Mamaroneck Ave heading toward the bridge and Fenimore Rd N & S bound heading towards the bridge, David second, all in favor.

Rye Neck Safe Routes to School, Diana Reilly

Meeting is scheduled with NYS DOT for April 23rd at 1:00 on zoom, Lisa Urban from Steve Ottis office sent links to maps, etc to review before the meeting. Dan will be on the meeting, Leilani can't

George Latimer - May 6th Diana & Mike will be meeting with him to talk about next steps.

Lorena St - Dan will speak with the Village Engineer about the design tomorrow and follow up with the resident. Jean Chung (zoom) asked about timing for Lorena - Dan will have the contractor from around MAS to do that work with some leftover money from the other project. Village engineer will create the design. Dan mentioned they always try to do the work around the schools over the summer when school is not in session.

Crosswalk on Palmer at Walter's - Dan spoke to the engineer last week and will have the surveyor get out there ASAP and create the design. Work should get done over the summer.

Handicap Spot at Park Ave/English PI - Florence Park

Issue: Parks & Rec Commission recommended adding a handicap spot at the entrance to Florence Park at Park Ave/English PI.

Discussion: This was already approved by the BOT. Email reminder had been sent by Parks Foreman 2/27 asking for an update.
Dan spoke with the village engineer. Going to put a plan together for it. Concrete the existing grass strip to use as a ramp to get to the sidewalk.
There are still no signs indicating that you can not park in front of the guard rail. This was approved but signs were never installed.

Action: Dan will remind DPW to add no parking sign in front of the guard rail.

Union Ave at Tompkins Safety Concerns

Issue: Ongoing safety concerns along Union Ave

Discussion: Stop signs at Ward have been installed. Leilani & Dan will meet with Mr. Langus to review everything.
Tina asked if the stop signs were illegal. They are not illegal, it is a regulatory decision that is up to the BOT. MUTCD says they "should" not be used for speed control but it is technically not

illegal. The stop signs were also added to make the streets in the area more uniform and to improve the quality of life and safety of the residents in that area.

Action: Dan & Leilani will meet with residents to give them an update.

Additional Discussion

Oriente/Rushmore/BPR: It will be looked at in May by NYS DOT. Should have update for June meeting

Vision zero update: Preliminary meeting took place a few weeks ago. Leilani is creating a logo. Leilani asked for the schools to send information to the village to help them promote the Walk to School weeks. Attendees were Christi Young, Diana Reilly, Mike Smeets, Dave Brown, Tina Maresca, Dan Sarnoff & Leilani Yizar-Reid.

Crosswalks: Can the commission have a list of crosswalks that will be painted and priorities?

Tina asked about the crosswalk at Rockland Ave and BPR - state is responsible. Dan will speak to DPW to reach out to the State to have it repainted.

Speed Humps: Are they a viable tool, where are we at? Can we identify streets that are candidates for speed humps? Dan thinks the suggestions should come from the residents and be reviewed by the traffic commission and then get BOT approval, similar to the New Rochelle process. The requested locations would have to meet the guidance, parameters and regulations.

Ryan asked about raised crosswalks. Dan thinks they work best in a downtown area such as Mamaroneck Ave. Erica and Elaine think they are great tools. Erica explained that speed humps can be designed to not impact drainage, raised crosswalks can not do that and can significantly impact your drainage. They can be expensive.

Dan mentioned that one concept to add to Halstead Ave at the intersections is to use paint techniques to make it appear to be raised and change the look of the driving surface.

Spreadsheet update: Erica & Laura were working to improve the spreadsheet. No update. Will have one next month. Have access to sharepoint, trying to play with the data.

Sub-committee formation:

Vision zero was an informal meeting to start before making it official. To make it official it needs to be noticed as a public meeting.

Dave suggests we start small, 2-4, in regards to creating subcommittees.

Possibilities: Vision Zero, grant related committee, crosswalk/pedestrian committee, handicap parking committee - best way to process requests, committee to work with the residents to figure out their complaint and help to better communicate.

Is there a way or program to alert particular residents? Leilani will ask Robert Ingenito about this.

Ryan made a motion to approve January minutes, Dave second, all in favor.

Ryan made a motion to approve the March minutes, Robert second, all in favor.

Robert noted that Tina will be taking the minutes and Robert will be updating the spreadsheet moving forward.

There being no further business before the Commission, Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm. Erica seconded. All in favor.