

Hamilton Pedestrian Safety Committee
Tuesday, July 19, 2011
4:15p.m.
Village Library

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Chair Jennifer Brice; Members: Dan Rains, Susan Marafino; Trustee Sam Cooper.

Public Present: Susan Barrett; Regina Silvestri; Ginny Zombek; Police Chief Rick Gifford.

Call to Order: Chairman Brice called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

Approval of Agenda: Approved as written.

Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 24, 2011

Chairman Brice asked for a spelling error to be fixed under the bicycle parking section.

A **motion** was made by Member Marafino to approve the **May 24, 2011**, minutes as amended. The **motion** was seconded by Member Rains and carried.

Articles for the Mid-York Weekly

The Committee will draft an article for the Mid-York by August 9, 2011.

Radar Trailer

The Committee would like to request the use of the County's radar trailer for the beginning of Colgate's school year as well as the HCS school year. Chief Gifford will contact the County. The Chief stated there may be grant money available to purchase a trailer for the Village. Chief Gifford stated there is a speed display unit that fits in the window of a police car that may be an option as well. The desire for more crosswalk signs was discussed with the Chief. Chief Gifford stated a permit is needed to put out the crosswalk signs like the one in the crosswalk by the Post Office.

Bicycle Racks

Trustee Deb Kliman contacted Member Marafino regarding the placement of additional bike racks in the Village. Trustee Kliman recommended the Village Office, Parry's, and the Colgate Inn. No action was taken at this time. This will be an agenda item for the August meeting.

5-Way Intersection Task Force

Member Marafino attended the meeting on July 18, 2011. The task force will reconvene in three weeks. Linda Lubey provided information regarding the traffic light feasibility study. It was recommended by the task force to implement the phasing of the lights be done as a trial with the DOT reserving the right to revert back to original phasing. Ms. Lubey also provided more data on the intersection which caused the task force to reconsider the phasing of the traffic lights. Ms. Lubey stated that presently the intersection has a "C" rating. With the new phasing it could

potentially result in an “E” rating. Member Marafino is looking for feedback from the Committee to bring to the next task force meeting. The task force is still trying to secure funding. The DOT may have some grant money. Trustee Cooper stated that pedestrians will not be willing to wait even longer to cross the street, that traffic may increase on Maple Ave from motorists trying to avoid the intersection, and on major activity days traffic will be substantial causing even more confusion. More signage and lane markers were discussed as options that could be implemented right away. All agreed that articles in the paper keeping the residents informed is a must.

Pleasant St/Broad St

Member Marafino stated that this crosswalk is clearly marked on the Elan study and the Village Board is addressing it as well. This Committee may not need to pursue any longer.

Kerry Linden

Ms. Linden was unable to attend today’s meeting. Will be on the August agenda.

Green Bikes Program

Chairman Brice stated that John Pumillio, the sustainability coordinator at Colgate, is now in charge of the program. He stated they are missing 5-6 bikes. The program did not work as planned and will be on a hiatus in order to address many issues. Mr. Pumilio recommended tagging bikes that are left on the streets. Chief Gifford stated that is already being done and more than 15 bikes have been impounded or returned. Chairman Brice will invite Mr. Pumilio to the next meeting.

Ms. Silvestri asked what the blue signs with the white question marks are for. All agreed they are information signs, although no one knows where the information center is.

Ms. Zombek asked if there was a device that could count down for pedestrians how long they have to wait to get the walking man sign. She also asked if a roundabout was explored for the intersection. It was determined by the task force that tractor trailers would not have the radius needed to maneuver the roundabout, and it is not easy for pedestrian crossings in a roundabout.

Ms. Silvestri asked if there were any regulations regarding the sandwich (sidewalk tent) signs. They obstruct the sidewalks and motorists view. Chief Gifford stated that information could be obtained through the zoning regulations.

Ms. Barrett stated that many out of state Colgate students do not follow NYS laws. She stated she would like to see Colgate address this issue with its students. Chief Gifford stated he would be willing to speak with the students. Trustee Cooper suggested a meeting with the Committee, Chief Gifford, Campus Safety, and himself.

Safe Routes to School

Trustee Cooper he received an email that he will forward to Chairman Brice regarding a new safe routes to school grant. The Committee is very interested in pursuing.

Next meeting will be **August 16, 2011, at 4:15pm**, at the Library.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Brice made a **motion** to adjourn. The **motion** was seconded by Member Rains and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Submitted by,

Kim Taranto