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TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

A meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was held on Monday, June 15, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Council Vice-President Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair
Tom Perotta, Vice-Chair
Bert Carabitses
Bernadetta Petrone
David Schiapo (appeared at 6:50 p.m.)
Mia Patriarca
Albert Melikian
Fred Raisner

Absent: Jonathan Keith
Christopher Edward Buonanno

Also Present: Councilman Mario Aceto
Councilman Steven A. Stycos
Sergeant James Needham
Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

On motion by Mr. Raisner, seconded by Mr. Perotta, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and they stand approved as recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:

Chair stated that at the last meeting, Grow Smart RI and DOT gave a wonderful presentation on traffic issues in the City. A Resolution was passed by the City Council at that last Council meeting putting us in the Street Smart System. There was a list compiled of approximately nine streets and DOT is in the process of auditing each street. A request was made for a liaison from the Administration and Mr. Barone accepted being a liaison from the Administration and he is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Grow Smart RI and DOT on possible projects.

- **Presentation by Committee Member Albert Melikian regarding Cross Alert System**

Mr. Melikian presented a handout and a map regarding Cross Alert System. He stated that this system would be battery operated for areas near bike path. The cost is \$6,000 for each pole system. Areas of intersections to be looked at is Carolina Ave., Dyer Ave., Uxbridge St. and Sherman Ave. This system would be cost effective to the City of Cranston. Funding for this could be done through various organizations or the Council Grant Writer could look into getting funding.

Chair asked for a motion to give this information to the Grant Writer to research for any funding for this system.

On motion by Mr. Perotta, seconded by Mr. Carabitses, it was voted to give this information to the City Council Grant Writer to further research this. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Request by Committee Member Jonathan Keith – look into making sure that all crosswalks have written signs**

Chair stated that since Committee Member Keith is not present this evening and neither is a member from the Administration, he asked that this item be continued.

On motion by Mr. Perotta, seconded by Mr. Carabitses, it was voted to continue this item. Motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Chair stated that the Mayor put in the Budget and the Council approved the start of the CARE Program July 1st. This program would pay for itself and also would stop the speeding because the driver would have to go to Court.

Councilman Aceto asked that the following item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting: bump outs on Peveril Dr. and cost for this and Public Works Director Mason to look into this.

Mr. Raisner asked that the following item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting: Friendly Community – people going through Stop Signs and street lights are dark.

Chair asked Sgt. Needham to address the speeding issue in the City. Sgt. Needham stated that in working in the Traffic Division, he is constantly receiving phone calls from people complaining of speeding and he asks them what their opinion is for a solution. He stated that he thinks the CARE Program is going to be huge. It is important that we enforce the stop signs and speed that we have. Everyone talks about speed bumps. He does not think this is a permanent solution. It is important that we think outside the box and Grow Smart RI is doing that.

Mr. Melikian questioned if speed cameras would help. Chair stated that Chief Justice Guglietta has stated that he is not in favor of this because they do not work. He stated that good old fashion police work is more of a deterrent then anything.

Mr. Perotta asked if there is set guidelines of how the CARE Program operates, whether it is seven days a week. Sgt. Needham stated that it is usually a four hour detail five days a week that could be done on weekends also.

Mr. Schiapo stated that his pet peeve is yield signs and right turn on red. There could be a lot of tickets written on that.

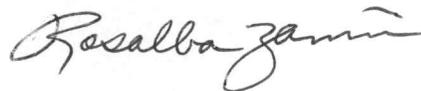
Chair asked that the following item be added to the agenda for the next meeting: Director Barone to give update report from his meeting with DOT.

Chair stated that for the month of July, with the Feasts going on, the meeting will be cancelled and the next meeting will be August 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Chair stated that for the next meeting, he will invite the City Council Grant Writer, Mr. Filarski to address spending source for Cross Alert System.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees