

(The following is not a verbatim transcript of comments or discussion that occurred during the meeting, but rather a summarization intended for general informational purposes. All motions and votes are the official records).

TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

A meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was held on Monday, August 17, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by the Chair.

Present: Council Vice-President Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair
Fred Raisner
Bernadetta Petrone
David Schiapo
Jonathan Keith
Albert Melikian (appeared at 6:40 p.m.)

Absent: Tom Perotta, Vice-Chair
Christopher Edward Buonanno
Bert Carabitses
Mia Patriarca

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Request by Committee Member Jonathan Keith – look into making sure that all crosswalks have written signs (Cont. 6/15/2015)**

Chair stated that Mr. Barone, Director of Constituent Affairs, advised him that Steve Mulcahy, Acting Traffic Engineer, was to attend this meeting and he is not present.

On motion by Mr. Keith, seconded by Mr. Raisner, it was voted to have the Mayor's Office review all the crosswalks before the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Chair stated that he will make this request of the Mayor's Office.

PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:

- **Bump Outs on Peveril Dr. and cost for this – Public Works Director Mason to research this (Councilman Aceto)**

No discussion.

- **Friendly Community – people going through stop signs and streets lights are dark (Mr. Raisner)**

Sgt. Needham stated that he is having a very hard time staffing the details. He did not have this area on his list for monitoring, but he will add it to next week's CARE detail.

On motion by Mr. Raisner, seconded by Mr. Keith, it was voted to continue this item to next month's meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Director Barone to give report update from his meeting with DOT regarding the Audit being conducted by DOT (Chair)**

No discussion.

- **Grant Writer, Mr. Filarski to address spending source for Cross Alert System (Chair)**

Chair questioned if there is monies available for this and if this is something that could be looked into further. Mr. Filarski stated that he is not sure, there is some money available, but does not specifically talk about this. He has looked through D.O.T., but has not found anything yet.

Mr. Filarski stated that he will be meeting with Cross Alert tomorrow.

Chair asked that this item be continued to the next meeting for update.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Sgt. Needham presented spreadsheets for the months of July and August of areas targeted for CARE Police detail and indicated that these are four hour details.

Councilman Aceto stated that in order for the Police Department to meet the Budget, they would have to get to \$300,000 to \$350,000 and at \$100 per violation, there would have to be approximately 300 violations issued per month for twelve months.

Chair stated that he just wants to make sure that the \$40,000 the City Council put in the Budget is made back.

Chair indicated to the spreadsheets provided by Sgt. Needham and stated that for the month of August, there were fourteen speeding violations. This is troubling to him that there is speeding near a school.

Mr. Schiapo asked where the proceeds from the violations go, whether they go to the City or State Traffic Tribunal. Sgt. Needham stated that all the CARE violations go to the City's Municipal Court, unless there are violations, such as no insurance, then they go to the State.

Councilman Aceto stated that posting detail during peak hours on such streets as Comstock and Scituate Ave. would be better because that is the time that the speeding is abused most.

Discussion took place on who the representative to serve on this Committee should be to represent the Police Department.

On motion by Mr. Raisner, seconded by Ms. Petrone, it was voted to have Sgt. Needham be the designated Officer to serve on this Committee for two reasons: 1) keep it consistent and 2) since he is head of Traffic, it would be more efficient for him to attend. Motion passed unanimously.

St. Needham asked that this be requested of the Colonel.

Chair stated that Committee Member, Mr. Buonanno, has not attended any meetings of this Committee and he, as Chair of this Committee, sent him a courtesy letter of his intentions whether he wishes to continue to serve on this Committee or he could be replaced. He advised Mr. Buonanno that this Chambers is used by various City Council meetings and other board meetings. This Committee originally decided to meet on the third Monday of the month, which is a conflict with Mr. Buonanno and Mr. Buonanno has requested, if possible, to change the meeting dates. Chair stated that he does not have a problem with changing the meeting dates, but a unanimous vote of this Committee is needed to change the meeting dates from the third Monday of the month to another date. He advised Mr. Buonanno that he would try to work around him, but couldn't promise. Chair asked what the pleasure of the Committee members is if they wished to keep it as or change to another date, but it has to be unanimous.

Councilman Aceto suggested that the Chair ask Councilman Botts, who appointed Mr. Buonanno to serve on this Committee, to speak to Mr. Buonanno about this and try to resolve it and if not, he replace him. Committee members agreed with Councilman Aceto.

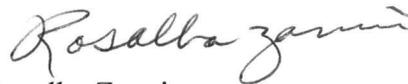
On motion by Mr. Schiapo, seconded by Ms. Petrone, it was voted to keep this Committee on the third Monday of the month and have Councilman Botts address this issue with Mr. Buonanno. Motion passed on a vote of 6-1. The following being recorded as voting "aye": Councilman Santamaria, Mr. Raisner, Ms. Petrone, Mr. Schiapo, Mr. Melikian and Sgt. Needham -6. The following being recorded as voting "nay": Mr. Keith -1.

Chair stated that the next meeting of this Committee will be on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Aceto suggested the possibility of the Council President announcing the next meeting of this Committee so the public will be aware or placing an advertisement in the Herald.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosalba Zanni".

Rosalba Zanni
Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

Cranston Accident Reduction & Enforcement CARE Program

Date July	Officer Assigned	Target Location	Issue to Address	# of Violations	# of Contacts	Total Warnings	Municipal Court Date / Comments
1	Decosta	Pawtuxet Village	Speeding	10	14	4	8/3/2015
2	McCoy	Comstock @ Council Rock	Speeding & Stop Sign	10	11	1	8/3/2015
3	Reis	Cranston Street	Speeding	7	7	0	8/3/2015 (Area of 2380 Cranston Street)
4							
5							
6	Leclair	Fordson Ave	Speeding	12	10	0	8/3/2015
7	Unfilled	Council Rock at Echo Lane	Speeding & Stop Signs	0	0	0	8/3/2015 / 4-8 pm
8	Rochio	North & East View Ave	Speeding & Stop Signs	9	10	1	8/3/2015 (1 Arrest Poss of Sched I-V) 15-34244-AR
9	Unfilled	Bain and Franklin	Speeding & Stop Signs	0	0	0	8/3/2015
10	Unfilled	South Comstock and Scituate Ave	Speeding & Stop Signs	0	0	0	8/3/2015
11							
12							
13	Long	Cranston Street	Speeding	10	11	1	08/04/15 (South of the Rotary)
14	Long	Harmon Ave	Speeding	10	8	2	8/4/2015 (1 Arrest)
15	Long	Colonial Avenue	Speeding Stop Signs	15	9	2	8/4/2015 (Around Budlong Pool) 2 Arrest made
16	Long	Route 2 South	Speeding	11	8	1	8/4/2015 (Near Mulligan's Island)
17	Long	Dyer Ave	Speeding	0	1	0	8/4/2015 15-36464-AR 2 felony Arrest Made (Possession of Cocain & Extraditable warrant)
18							
19							
20	Long	Pontiac Ave north of Sockanosett Crossroads	Speeding	14	10	1	8/18/2015
21	Long	Preston Drive	Speeding & Trucks using it as a cut through	10	6	2	Between Reservoir and Pontiac. 08/18/15
22	Long	Laurel Hill Ave	Speeding	12	8	1	8/18/2015
23	Long	Whipple @ Browne	Speeding & Stop Signs	11	10	3	8/18/2015
24	Unfilled	Lake View Rd and surrounding streets	Wrong way/ speeding	0	0	0	8/18/2015
25							
26							
27	Decosta	Lambert @ Victory / Legion way @ Midwood	Stop Sign / Speeding	10	10	3	08/18/2015 That intersection but entire Stadium area as people are using it as a cut through from Reservoir A
28	Decosta	Comstock Parkway	Speeding & Trucks using it as a cut through	9	11	3	08/18/2015 Between Scituate & Phenix Ave
29	Decosta	Pontiac Ave north of Sockanosett Crossroads	Speeding	7	8	3	8/31/2015
30	Decosta	Wilbur and Conley	Speeding & Stop Signs	10	12	3	8/31/2015 Olney Arnold - Pippin Orchard
31	Decosta	Phenix Ave / Garfield Ave	Speeding	5	5	2	8/31/2015

TOTALS

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Presented by Sgt. Nathan
 Traffic Safety Committee
 8/17/15

*Presented by Sgt. Needham
8/17/15
Traffic Safety Commission*

Cranston Accident Reduction & Enforcement CARE Program

Date August	Officer Assigned	Target Location	Issue to Address	# of Violations	# of Contacts	Total Warnings	Municipal Court Date / Comments
1							
2							
3	Unfilled	82 Parkway	Speeding	0	0	0	8/31/2015
4	Unfilled	Laurel Hill and Princess Ave	Speeding	0	0	0	08/31/15 From Chestnut Hill to the Providence line
5	Leclerc	Gladstone @ Bennett	Speeding & Stop Signs	13	9	0	Gladstone @ Bennett 8/31/15
6	Unfilled	Lambert @ Victory	Stop Sign / Speeding	0	0	0	08/31/15 Stadium area as people are using it as a cut through from Reservoir Ave.
7	Long	Legion Way/Douglas/Speck	Speeding/Parking	9	5	0	08/31/15 Area of Plastic Pipes Company 3:30 to 4:00 PM
8							
9							
10	Unfilled	Holiday	N/A	0	0	0	
11	Unfilled	Forest Ave	Speeding/Stop Sign	0	0	0	9/1/2015
12	Decosta	Scituate Ave	Speeding	11	13	3	Near Boy Scout 9/1/15
13	Decosta	1150 Pippin Orchard	Speeding	9	8	3	Pippin Orchard
14	Unfilled	Route 2 South	Speeding	0	0	0	09/01/15 Near Mulligan's Island
15							
16							
17	Unfilled	Wescott at Fiat	Speeding	0	0	0	
18	Unfilled	Roslyn Ave	Speeding/ Stop Signs	0	0	0	
19		Pontiac at Beckwith	Speeding			0	
20		Cornell @ Randal	Speeding			0	Between 3-5
21		Forest Ave at Mapelton	Stop Signs / Speeding			0	
22							
23							
24		Pippin Orchard Rd	Speeding			0	
25		Franklin Avenue at Bain Street.	Stop Sign Violations			0	
26		Forest Ave at Mapelton				0	
27						0	
28						0	
29							
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