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TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

A meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission was held on Monday, September 21, 2015 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Cranston, Rhode Island.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by the Vice-Chair.

Vice-Chair stated that Chairman Santamaria is at a prior event and will be arriving shortly.

Present: Council Vice-President Richard D. Santamaria, Jr., Chair (appeared at 7:25 p.m.)
Tom Perotta, Vice-Chair
Fred Raisner
Bernadetta Petrone
Mia Patriarca
David Schiapo
Bert Carabitses
Albert Melikian
Jonathan Keith (appeared at 7:25 p.m.)
Joseph Polisena, Representing the Administration
Sergeant James Needham, Police Department

Absent: Christopher Edward Buonanno

Also Present: Rosalba Zanni, Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

On motion by Mr. Schiapo, 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 and 8/17/2015)***

Chair stated that since Mr. Keith is not present, he asked that this item be continued.

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

- ***Friendly Community – people going through stop signs and streets lights are dark (Mr. Raisner). (Cont. 8/17/2015)***

Mr. Raisner stated that people are still going through stop signs in this area. This is a continuous problem. He asked if the Police could monitor this area, it would be appreciated.

- ***Update from Grant Writer, Mr. Filarski regarding spending source for Cross Alert System (Chair). (Cont. 8/17/2015)***

Mr. Filarski stated that since the last meeting, he met with Ken Block and visited his facility in Warwick. The units cost $6,500 each. The State has authority to approve the devices. There is no grant money. If the City wanted to approve and install them, the State Traffic Commission would consider paying for them, but the City would install, own and maintain the devices. The study would take a few months. If the State built them, it would take approximately two years. If the City built them, the approval process would take approximately two months.

Mr. Perotta asked if we know how many areas these devices are needed for. Mr. Melikian stated that there are four, which would require eight devices.

Chair stated that this Commission does not have authority to spend money. This would have to be forwarded to the Public Works Committee to vote on this issue and initiate the process. He asked for a motion to forward this to the Public Works Committee.

On motion by Ms. Patriarca, seconded by Mr. Perotta, it was voted to request DOT do a further study on the four areas of the bike path in the City of Cranston. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion by Mr. Schiapo, seconded by Mr. Raisner, it was voted to forward this issue to the Public Works Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

- ***Report from Administration on meeting with DOT regarding the Audit being conducted by DOT (Chair). (Cont. 8/17/2015)***

Mr. Polisena stated that the problem we are having is cut-thrus. We are looking at some way to remedy this issue. As to the report of the meeting with DOT, former Director Barone is no longer with the City and he does not have any information regarding this meeting at this time.

Chair asked that Mr. Polisena find out what happened at that meeting and report back to this Commission at the next meeting.

On motion by Mr. Perotta, seconded by Mr. Schiapo, it was voted to continue this matter for one month for report from the Administration. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS:

None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Chair asked for an update on the CARE Program.

Sgt. Needham presented three spreadsheets.

Chair asked if any of the members of the Commission would like any areas or streets with speeding problems added to this list.

The following Commission members asked that the following streets be added to this list:

- Ms. Patriarca - Narragansett Blvd.
- Mr. Raisner – Pontiac and Brookside
- Mr. Keith – Abbott and Highland
- Mr. Melikian – street going from Plainfield Pike into the Wal-Mart plaza going towards the condo complex
- Mr. Schiapo – Harmon Ave.

Mr. Melikian stated that people are parking on both sides of Lambert St., which is not permitted. Sgt. Needham stated that this is an issue and it is just a matter of getting the resources out there.

- ***Request by Committee Member Jonathan Keith – look into making sure that all crosswalks have written signs (Cont. 6/15/2015 and 8/17/2015) (Cont. from earlier in the meeting)***

Chair indicated that since Mr. Keith has arrived the Commission will take up the above item if there are no objections from any members. No one objected.

On motion by Mr. Schiapo, seconded by Mr. Raisner, it was voted to withdraw previous motion made to continue this item. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Keith reiterated his request of the Administration.

Mr. Polisena stated that he has as meeting on Friday with the Crossing Guards.

Mr. Keith indicated that that is just for schools, he is referring to all crosswalks in the City.

Ms. Petrone indicated to the area of CarMax on Bald Hill Rd., the side which faces Marshalls and stated that there are cars that are coming out of CarMax and taking a right and going the wrong way. This is just an accident waiting to happen.

Chair asked that Mr. Polisena follow up with CarMax regarding this. He also stated that former Director Barone was to speak to CarMax regarding this. Mr. Petrone stated that she thinks it is not CarMax people test driving the cars. It may be people visiting CarMax.

Mr. Raisner stated that he mentioned before, this Commission should be listed under Boards and Commissions on the City's website and it is still not listed. Chair stated that he will speak to the City Clerk regarding this.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, October 19th at 6:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalba Zanni

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Assistant City Clerk/Clerk of Committees

Presented by Sgt. Needham
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Cranston Accident Reduction & Enforcement CARE Program

Date September	Officer Assigned	Target Location	Issue to Address	Violations in Target AREA	Violations in OTHER areas	Total # of Violations	Total # of Contacts	Total Warnings	Municipal Court Date / Comments
1	J.Hardy	Flat	Speeding	1	10	11	15	5	9/14/2015
2	Decosta	Princess Ave	Speeding in a school zone (Arlington Elem)	11	0	11	0	0	Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600 9/14/2015
2	Hardy	Princess Ave	Speeding in a school zone (Arlington Elem)	0	7	7	10	3	Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600 9/14/2015
2	Long	Budlong Rd	Speeding in a school zone (Woodridge Elem)	9	0	9	9	3	Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600 9/14/2015
2	Long	Budlong Rd	Speeding in a school zone (Woodridge Elem)	11	0	11	12	1	Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600 9/14/2015
3	Hardy	Beachmount Ave	Speeding in a school zone (Chester W. Barrows)	0	11	11	13	2	Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600 9/14/2015
4	Decosta	Mapleton near school	Speeding in a school zone)	0	4	4	19	15	Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600 9/14/2015
4	Hardy	Area of Cranston West (Metropolitan, Curtis, Wine, Phenix etx.)	Speeding in a school zone (Woodlawn Elem)	3	9	12	15	3	Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600 9/14/2015
4	Long	Area of Cranston West (Metropolitan, Curtis, Wine, Phenix etx.)	Speeding, various other violations					0	Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600 9/14/2015
5	Leclair	Kimberly Lane	Speeding / Stop signs	0	4	4	5	1	Kimberly LA
6									
8	Hardy	Friendly community (Alexander, Parkman etc)	Speeding / Stop Sign	14	0	14	13	4	10/13/2015 Reg CARE Times
8	unfilled	Brown at Heather	Stop signs violations					0	10/13/2015 Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600
8	Leclair	Phenix Ave (Western Hills)	Speeding in a School Zone	10	0	10	11	1	10/13/2015 Times 0700-1100
8	Decosta	Phenix Ave (Western Hills)	Speeding in a School Zone					0	10/13/2015 Times 1200-1600
9	unfilled	Laurel Hill Ave. / Gladstone	Speeding / Stop Sign					0	10/13/2015 Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600
9	Leclair	Area of Cranston West (Metropolitan, Curtis, Wine, Phenix etx.)	Speeding, various other violations	4	0	4	4	0	1200-1600 assist patrol
9	Leclair	Area of Cranston West (Metropolitan, Curtis, Wine, Phenix etx.)	Speeding, various other violations	10	0	10	12	2	0700-1100 care times
10	Hardy	Cornell at Randal	Speeding	1	8	9	14	5	10/13/2015 Reg. CARE Times
10	Hardy	Pawtuxet Ave	Speeding, parking etc. (Edgewood Highlands)	4	7	11	14	3	10/13/2015 Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600
11	Long	Area of Cranston East (Legion Way, Rugby, Elsie etc.)	Stop Sign, Parking, Speeding	4	0	4	3	0	10/13/2015 Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600
11	unfilled	Hope Rd	Speeding in a school zone (Hope Highlands Elem)					0	10/13/2015 Times 0700-1100 or 1200-1600
12	Decosta	Friendly community (Alexander, Parkman etc)	Speeding / Stop Sign	0	13	13	5	2	10/26/2015
13									
14	Hardy	Grant Ave	Unsafe Driving	0	11	11	12	3	**1 Arrest (Suspended license)**
15	Scotti	Mockingbird at Stoney Acre & Lake Garden	Stop Signs	11	0	11	13	4	10/26/2015
16	Hardy	Royal Ave / Cannon St	Speeding / Stop Signs	1	11	12	14	2	10/26/2015
17	Hardy	Macklin Street	No thru Trucks	0	14	14	15	3	10/26/2015
18	Hardy	Laurel Hill	Speeding					0	10/26/2015
19									
20									
21	Salvator	Midway rd	Speeding					0	A lot of pedestrian traffic in this area. 11/09/15
22		Intersection of Park at Reservoir	Obedience to traffic control Devices						General Accident Prevention (Any violations are good) 11/09/15
23		Intersection of Atwood at Phenix	Obedience to traffic control Devices					0	General Accident Prevention (Any violations are good) 11/09/15
24		Mockingbird at Stoney Acre & Lake Garden	Stop Signs					0	11/9/2015
25		Friendly community (Alexander, Parkman etc)	Speeding / Stop Signs					0	11/9/2015
26									
27									
28		Yard St. @ Walnut Grove	Stop Signs / Speeding					0	
29								0	
30								0	
31									
TOTALS				94	109	203	228	62	

Presented by Sgt. Needham
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Cranston Accident Reduction & Enforcement CARE Program

Date August	Officer Assigned	Target Location	Issue to Address	Violations in Target AREA	Violations in OTHER areas	Total # of Violations	Total # 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	7	6	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	0	9	5	0	Area of Plastic Pipes Company **3:30 to 4:00 PM 2 Arrest Susp.Lic**
8									
9									
10	Unfilled*	Holiday	N/A			0	0	0	Holiday
11	Unfilled *	Forest Ave	Speeding/Stop Sign			0	0	0	9/1/2015
12	Decosta	Budlong Rd	Speeding	6	5	11	13	3	Near Boyscout 9/1/15
13	Decosta	1150 Pippin Orchard	Speeding	9	0	9	8	3	09/01/15 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	9/1/2015
18	Long	Pontiac at Beckwith	Speeding/ Stop Signs	7	0	7	4	0	09/01/15 **1 Arrest 15-42890-AR**
19	Decosta	Pippin Orchard Rd	Speeding / Stop Signs	5	8	13	10	2	09/01/15 Pippin Orchard /Budlong
20	Unfilled*	Cornell @ Randal	Speeding					0	09/01/15 Between 3-5
21	Scotti	Forest Ave at Mapelton	Stop Signs / Speeding	7	0	7	9	2	9/1/2015 **1 Arrest**
22	Long	Forest Ave	Speeding/Stop Sign	11	0	11	10	1	9/14/2015
23	Long	Wescott at Fiat	Speeding	0	14	14	10	0	9/14/2015
24	Long	Pippin Orchard Rd	Speeding	12	0	12	11	1	Pippin Orchard 9/14/15
25	Hardy	Franklin Avenue at Bain Street.	Stop Sign Violations	3	8	11	10	3	Franklin/Atwood Ave 9/14/15 **2 Arrest (susp. Lic)**
26	Scotti	Forest Ave at Mapelton	Stop Sign Violations	9	0	9	13	4	9/14/2015
27	Decosta	Fordson Ave	Speeding/Stop Sign	0	14	14	10	3	Budlong Road 9/14/15
28	Long	Broad Street	Speeding	6	2	8	6	1	**1 Arrest / Reckless Driving**
29	Mccoy	Route 2 South	Speeding	10	0	10	12	2	9/14/2015
30	Decosta	Lambert @ Victory	Stop sign	2	7	9	11	3	9/14/2015 Stadium area
31	Long	Laurel Hill and Princess Ave	Speeding	10	0	10	11	1	9/14/2015
TOTALS				113	64	177	162	28	

Presented by Sgt. Needham
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Cranston Accident Reduction & Enforcement CARE Program

Date July	Officer Assigned	Target Location	Issue to Address	Violations in Target Location	Violations in other Area	Total # of Violations	Total # of Contacts	Total Warnings	Municipal Court Date / Comments
1	Decosta	Pawtuxet Village	Speeding	3	7	10	14	4	8/3/2015
2	McCoy	Comstock @ Council Rock	Speeding & Stop Sign	10	0	10	11	1	8/3/2015
3	Reis	Cranston Street	Speeding	4	3	7	7	0	8/3/2015 (Area of 2380 Cranston Street)
4									
5									
6	Leclair	Fordson Ave	Speeding	7	5	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	Rochlio	North & East View Ave	Speeding & Stop Signs	9	0	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	0	10	11	1	08/04/15 (South of the Rotary)
14	Long	Harmon Ave	Speeding	10	0	10	8	2	8/4/2015 **(1 Arrest)**
15	Long	Colonial Avenue	Speeding Stop Signs	6	9	15	9	2	8/4/2015 (Around Budlong Pool) **2 Arrest made**
16	Long	Route 2 South	Speeding	11	0	11	8	1	8/4/2015 (Near Mulligan's Island)
17	Long	Dyer Ave	Speeding	0	0	0	1	0	8/4/15 **15-36464-AR 2 Arrest(Possession of Cocain & Extraditable warrant)**
18									
19									
20	Long	Pontiac Ave north of Sockanosett Crossroads	Speeding	7	7	14	10	1	8/18/2015
21	Long	Preston Drive	Speeding & Truck cut through	10	0	10	6	2	Between Reservoir and Pontiac. 08/18/15
22	Long	Laurel Hill Ave	Speeding	12	0	12	8	1	8/18/2015
23	Long	Whipple @ Browne	Speeding & Stop Signs	11	0	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	7	3	10	10	3	08/18/2015 area as people are using it as a cut through from Reservoir Ave.
28	Decosta	Comstock Parkway	Speeding & Truck cut through	5	4	9	11	3	08/18/2015 Between Scituate & Phenix Ave
29	Decosta	Pontiac Ave north of Sockanosett Crossroads	Speeding	2	5	7	8	3	8/31/2015 (Officer Worked in the area of Acuduct at Colonial)
30	Decosta	Wilbur and Conley	Speeding & Stop Signs	1	9	10	12	3	8/31/2015 Olney Arnold - Pippin Orchard
31	Decosta	Phenix Ave / Garfield Ave	Speeding	5	0	5	5	2	8/31/2015
TOTALS				130	52	182	169	33	