

**TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING 1058**  
**Minutes**  
**Planning Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall**  
**February 13, 2020**

**Call to Order.** Called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

**Traffic Board Members Present:** Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Ray Standish Engineering; John Paddock, DPW

**Traffic Board Members Absent:** Philip Strawn, 6<sup>th</sup> District, William Yeager, Assistant Chief-BPD

**Also Present:** Dan Correll, Retired BPD-Traffic; William Lescault, BPD; Nate Miller, BPD; Katherine Hendrickson, BPD; Ubed Varughese, Economic Development; Cindy Paddick, BMTS; Lucretia Hesco, resident Thomas Jefferson PTA; Grace Staiger, resident and Thomas Jefferson PTA

**Approval of Minutes.** Request to approve the minutes from Traffic Board Meeting 1057, held on **January 9, 2020**

Moved by: R. Standish, J. Paddock

**Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)**

Ayes: J. Kraham, R. Standish, J. Paddock

Nays: None

Absent: P. Strawn, W. Yeager

**Items Considered**

**Centenary and Hawley.** Mr. Correll reported that the stop sign should be moved. There should also be a crosswalk installed. This item will be review again. Mr. Standish will report back in February. DPW looked into this and they don't think another crosswalk is warranted. **Item Complete.**

**33 South Washington Street.** Mr. Correll is concerned because there is an outside commons area near here. Mr. Pritchard said it would not impact the park area because of the ingress and egress locations. Mr. Correll is also concerned about the gas tankers and how they would be entering the property because of the outside commons. Mr. Pritchard said they could place restrictions on the times of deliveries, etc. Ms. Paddick is concerned about the type of pavement used in this area and if it can handle trucks of this size with the additional traffic. She is also concerned about there being enough parking without using city parking. Mr. Martinez noted that there is sufficient on-site parking. Mr. Kraham is concerned about changes to the open commons area and making sure it works if this project goes through. Ms. Paddick noted that there are still concerns about the internal traffic and the drive thrus. The other concern is the gas tanks being installed underground and the environmental impact. Mr. Kraham noted that one of the questions regarding the plan was the use of Mary Street and the turning radius of the trucks. Ms. Paddock noted that they could alleviate some of the traffic by changing the traffic signal timing but the DOT doesn't want to do that. She further stated that the traffic impact study indicated that the plans will work out fine. The other thing is that on the plans it shows pavement striping rather than an actual sidewalk. Mr. Kraham also noted that another problem is people parking there and going elsewhere and using it as a parking lot. Mr Standish noted there should be another on-site crosswalk from proposed bank to Number 5 building. The board prefers that all traffic be on Mary Street. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting March 12, 2020.**

**Overland Drive.** Road concern. Complaint from John and Diane Bennett because this street is essentially non accessible. During emergencies, vehicles cannot get through on this road. If the other roads are blocked they have no way to get to their home. They are requesting that Overland Drive be reopened and properly maintained. Mr. Correll's concern is that since it on the border of the city and town of Binghamton, who maintains it and who will be responsible for it. Traffic Board decided to install road closed signs on both ends of the street. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting March 12, 2020.**

**50 Front Street.** Parking in front of building. Traffic found that there can be 8 new parking spots installed.

*The Traffic Division, as requested by the Traffic Board, responded to the area of 50 Front Street to review the on street parking status at that location. In March, 2018, a new housing complex was planned for and construction set to begin, which required the Traffic Code to be amended to prohibit parking in that immediate area at that*

time. With construction completed, and reconfigured access and exits inserted for the complex, on street parking could now be re-inserted. The Traffic Division therefore recommends that the Traffic Code be amended as follows:

DELETE:

Section 23 No Parking Anytime Zone

Front Street East Side From the north-west extended curb line of Leroy Street to 402 feet north.

Front Street East Side From Riverside Drive to 178 feet north.

INSERT:

Section 23 No Parking Anytime Zone

Front Street East Side From Riverside Drive to 140 feet north of the north-west extended curb line of Leroy Street.

Front Street East Side From 300 feet north of the north-west extended curb line of Leroy Street to 402 feet north.

Section 27 Two Hour Parking between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM

Front Street East Side From 140 feet north of Leroy Street to 300 feet north.

**Motion to delete No Parking Anytime Zone and insert new Two Hour Parking as recommended by Traffic. (above)**

Moved by: R. Standish, J. Paddock

**Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)**

Ayes: J. Kraham, R. Standish, J. Paddock

Nays: None

Absent: P. Strawn, W. Yeager

**Thomas Jefferson Elementary School.** Traffic flow concerns. Ms. Grace noted her concern that when crossing her 3 kids across Grand Blvd, people are not stopping at the crosswalk even when the crossing guard has the sign up. Ms. Lucretia Hesco is concerned about the traffic congestion at Thomas Jefferson. She noted that it is very dangerous because parents are double parking and also two city buses are causing problems as well. They are requesting that Minerva be considered for a one way street. They would also like 2 new flashing light signs installed indicating that it is a school zone. Mr. Kraham noted that in regards to the crosswalk at Grand Blvd. Traffic will look into a better stop sign. Helen and Schubert and Schubert and Minerva also has issues because if a crossing guard calls in, the BPD is arriving too late because of shift change. Mr. Kraham recommended that perhaps the city can work with the PTA and find another way to get crossing guards since it is difficult to hire them because not a lot of people apply for the job. Lucretia Hesco noted that their main concerns are high volume of traffic, speed and the city buses. Mr. Correll noted that another parent stated that the school zone signs need to be replace. Mr. Correll noted that another parent stated that Helen and Schubert, the crossing guard is not wearing a vest or holding their sign. The parents are parking illegally in the No Parking zone causing congestion when the buses try to turn. Mr. Kraham stated that traffic board will look into this further and get back in touch. In the meantime, the signs will be replaced. Officer Lescault noted that the parents are the biggest problem because they are leaving their cars to walk their kids up to the school. Mr. Kraham will reach out to the school with recommendations. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting March 12, 2020.**

**Charles Street Parking.** Some residents would like the street changed back to the way it was originally because the woman who the street was changed for has passed away. Officer Lescault noted that there has been some complaints about equipment being left on the street. **Hold until next Traffic Board Meeting March 12, 2020.**

**Eldredge Street Parking.** The business owner would like to add parking on their side of the street because their business is growing. There is also a section that people can't park during the winter month rules. Mr. Kraham will let him know that the street can't support additional parking. **Item Complete.**

**Motion to adjourn 10:01 a.m.**

Moved by: R. Standish, J. Paddock

**Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)**

Ayes: J. Kraham, R. Standish, J. Paddock

Nays: None

Absent: P. Strawn, W. Yeager