

**STREETS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
CITY OF REHOBOTH BEACH**

**April 19, 2013**

The Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting of the City of Rehoboth Beach was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Pat Coluzzi on Friday, April 19, 2013 in the Commissioners Room in City Hall, 229 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Pat Coluzzi, Lorraine Zellers, John Gauger, Dennis Diehl, Bill Sargent, Jim Ellison, Mel Craig

Absent: Cindy Lovett, Kathy Osterholm

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Jim Ellison made a motion, seconded by Bill Sargent, to approve the Agenda with the deletion of the March 1, 2013 and March 25, 2013 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the September 7, 2012 and November 2, 2012 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting were distributed prior to the meeting. The March 1, 2013 and March 25, 2013 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes were not available for approval.

Jim Ellison made a motion, seconded by Lorraine Zellers, to approve the September 7, 2012 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Ellison made a motion, seconded by John Gauger, to approve the November 2, 2012 Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter and rules regarding the new scooter parking program from Greg Ferrese to everyone in the City who have had open-air permits. This will be published in the official guide for the City which is distributed by Main Street Inc. and will be forwarded to Rehoboth Beach/Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce. Scooter parking areas have been painted and striped. Corrals have been located in areas outside of the business district.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discuss and recommend idling ordinance.**

John noted that Delaware has a state rule on heavy-duty motor vehicles over 8,500 lbs. Idling can occur for three minutes except if it is 32° to -10°, then idling can occur for fifteen minutes. There is no limit if the temperature is below -10°. The fines for a truck idling are \$50.00 to \$500.00. The City of Newark has a campaign where there is a warning the first time and a \$100.00 fine if caught idling a second time. Five minutes of idling in a sixty minute period is prohibited. He thought that the City should adopt an idling ordinance similar to Newark's ordinance and inform citizens as to why it is good to turn off a vehicle and how it affects air quality, etc. John referred to Section 92-236 of the City Code regarding the maximum length of time for any vehicle unloading/loading as 20 minutes. Police officers may remove or cause to be removed a vehicle from any loading/unloading zone. Unloading/loading of freight, merchandise or cargo of any kind shall be restricted for a 24 hour day during the months when parking meters are in effect.

Pat will talk with Mike Peterman about a sign to replace the missing one in the parking lot at the Convention Center.

Dennis Diehl said that the businesses will need to weigh in as to what effect any of this would have on them. He was in favor of an idling ordinance. Lorraine said that approximately 37 municipalities have an idling ordinance, and most of them have campaigns that provide information on the benefits of having an ordinance. The Committee will need discussion and input from the Commissioners and businesses. She thought that this issue is mostly a seasonal problem in the summer. Jim said that at the very least this would be a good educational program to have. The businesses would need to be involved if this would go beyond being an educational program.

Pat suggested that one of the next steps to be taken is to talk with the businesses before any recommendation is made by the Committee. The information regarding this issue would be good to have on the Parking Map for next year.

Patrick Gossett suggested that the Committee contact companies that will be affected by this. They may have programs within their own corporate structures, and the Committee should find out what their policies are and possibly introduce them into a goodwill campaign. Consistency is needed in enforcement of an ordinance. John will investigate this further.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Address deliveries in the downtown area and delivery trucks in residential areas.**

Ron Paterson said that some of the trucks idling in the first two blocks in the downtown area are refrigerated trucks. Particularly around lunchtime, a lot of the semis will be parked with the drivers nowhere near them. This is an enforcement matter, and the police department needs to be alerted to this issue. It not only creates a problem with pollution, it causes traffic congestion and reduces Rehoboth Avenue to a two lane road and blocks in vehicles that are parked.

Christine Hastings will email photographs and information to Pat with regard to the trucks parking on Rehoboth Avenue at lunchtime.

Lorraine suggested that there should be a group of stakeholders involving businesses, restaurants, etc. to weigh in on this issue. Other municipalities currently require off-hours for deliveries. It was suggested that the City could have a few loading zones and make some metered spaces available for loading which would limit deliveries to within 30 minutes. Information should be gotten from the business community.

A recommendation for idling will be pushed off until next year.

The idea of issues with vehicles parking on Rehoboth Avenue for longer than they should and blocking other vehicles will be placed on the next agenda.

Ron Paterson said that with regard to restaurants, there is no encouragement for them to establish storage areas. Not having storage areas may require more deliveries than are necessary. The Commissioners should look at an exemption for storage space which might cut down on deliveries.

### **Update Bicycle Map for the 2013 season.**

#### **Decision on location of scooter parking areas on the Bicycle Plan and/or Parking Plan.**

Scooter parking areas will be located on the Parking Map which is currently in print.

#### **Update Bicycle Map with locations of additional bicycle racks.**

Twelve additional bicycle racks have been ordered but have not been delivered to date. New bicycle racks will be placed in the bicycle parking corral near Lingo's. The original racks will be used at another location. The corral in front of J. Kahn Scott will be reverted to a parking space. A bicycle rack will be placed in front of Starbucks, and another one will be located at the Grub. Mel Craig will decide on the exact locations of those racks. Mel and Pat will locate areas for bike racks at the Boardwalk.

#### **Discuss and decide the locations of preferred bike routes on the Bicycle Map.**

The Committee has a responsibility to make guidance with regard to preferred bike routes available to the public. Dennis was concerned with directing people to places where there is no pathway. There is no way to cross Rehoboth Avenue. Crossing from Canal Street to Grove Park is the most dangerous area to cross Rehoboth Avenue. The most important part of the map is the path to connect Dewey Beach to the State Parks, and currently there is no crosstown connectivity to get to Gordon's Pond or Lewes. Pat is still trying to get the plates put on Canal Bridge to have a bike lane which would improve the connectivity from Lewes to Rehoboth. It has been determined and budgeted that there will be a bike lane on the eastern side of Surf Avenue. The map will need to be updated with regard to Surf Avenue. Lorraine was reluctant about adding more streets as preferred bike routes to the map because there is no evidence of how well the preferred streets were utilized last year. Oak Avenue from Third Street to Surf Avenue would be a good bike route to connect to the bike lane at Surf Avenue. The most direct route from north to south is First Street to connect the preferred routes, but it was suggested to highlight it in yellow for extreme caution.

Pat recapped what the distribution method is for the Bicycle Map. Last year, the map was given to Main

Street for distribution. There were goodwill ambassadors to hand out the maps. The maps were also located at the Chamber, the information kiosk on the Boardwalk, City Hall and at the Farmers' Market. It was decided that bike racks and bike stations could be highlighted on the map along with a symbol of a bike rack. Changes will be made to the Bicycle Map for review at the next meeting.

**Discussion about informational signage at the entrance to the City with regard to scooter routes.**

Everything is in place for the scooter parking permit program, except for the placement of informational signage at the entrances to the City. The signs should say that permits are required, and they can be bought at the Parking office. It has been recommended by the Parking office that scooter permits are to be purchased at the office. Directional signage could possibly be placed on Rehoboth Avenue showing where to purchase the permits. Pat will speak with Mike Peterman with regard to signage. An informational sheet should also be given to people when they are purchasing their scooter permits.

**Discuss and decide the location of more sharrows on City streets for the 2013 season.**

The Committee will look at repositioning the existing sharrows located on Henlopen Avenue and Canal Street, and placing new sharrows on Oak Avenue to direct people to the proposed bike lane on Surf Avenue and in the yellow area on First Street to warn vehicular drivers.

**Discuss items to be included on future agendas.**

Items to be included on the next agenda are: 1. Invite DelDOT to discuss the plates for Canal Bridge. 2. Update of the Bicycle map and decide on how many maps should be printed. 3. Issues with trucks parking on Rehoboth Avenue for longer than they should and blocking other vehicles. Invite Chief Banks to provide his input. 4. Ideas on signage.

**Set next meeting.**

The next Committee meeting will be held on May 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Chair Pat Coluzzi adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**(Ann M. Womack, CMC, City Secretary)**

**MINUTES APPROVED ON  
MAY 10, 2013**

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**(Pat Coluzzi, Chair)**