

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

November 2, 2012

The Streets and Transportation Committee Meeting of the City of Rehoboth Beach was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Pat Coluzzi on Friday, November 2, 2012 in the Commissioners Room in City Hall, 229 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Pat Coluzzi, Kathy Osterholm, Jim Ellison, Lorraine Zellers (left at 11:05 a.m.), Dennis Diehl, Bill Sargent (left at 11:06 a.m.)

Absent: Cindy Lovett, John Gauger

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lorraine Zellers made a motion, seconded by Jim Ellison, to approve the Agenda with the deletion of the August 10, 2012 and September 7, 2012 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were available for approval at this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider stop sign to be placed on Hickman Street at Stockley Street in Country Club Estates.

A letter dated September 21, 2012 from Tom Zellers, President of Country Club Estates Property Owners' Association was received, and it references the request for stop signs on Hickman Street at Stockley Street. A petition has been signed by 60 people, with the majority of them living on Hickman Street. The stop signs would be installed on the east and west sides at the Hickman Street and Stockley Street intersection. Currently, there is a stop sign on Stockley Street. This would be considered a three-way stop.

At a previous meeting, Police Chief Banks had provided results of speeding on Hickman Street, and he found that there is no real issue with speeding on Hickman Street. Discussion ensued as to the perception of speeding.

The Committee will send a recommendation to the Commissioners.

Tom Zellers noted that the people who live on Munson Street will probably be asking for some type of speed bumps on Munson Street due to possible increase in traffic because of possibly placing stop signs on Hickman Street. Currently, there are a lot of delivery trucks that use Munson Street in order to get to Rehoboth Avenue. No delivery trucks should be allowed on Munson or Hickman Streets. Instead of a stop sign, movable speed bumps could be used to slow down traffic on Hickman and Munson Streets.

It was suggested that deliveries should be made at certain times from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. There was no opposition to the stop signs on Hickman Street from the people who live on Munson Street. Other options could be 25 mph flashing signs and/or silent polemen to slow down traffic.

Bill Sargent made a motion, seconded by Dennis Diehl, that the Committee puts off the issue of the stop sign at the moment and investigates putting in temporary speed bumps on both Munson and Hickman Streets as an interim measure to see if that satisfies the problem that has bothered people to go down Hickman Street.

Bill said that this would be a recommendation that the Commissioners investigate alternative means. Alternative means would be investigated and the mechanism would be for the Commissioners to agree and charge the City Manager with the responsibility. The Committee does not have to talk about the mechanism. The Committee is recommending that this be done.

(Dennis – yes because it makes the most sense of all the options. He actually is not crazy about stop signs, and he thought that this will solve the problem without a stop sign. He said to go forward this way. Jim – yes. Including Munson is a wise idea. Let's get a real test of this as we take a look at it. Bill – yes because it is an area problem that involves Munson Street as well as Hickman Street. There is also the possibility that people seeing these strips may slow down as there was a suspicion with what the police put out to monitor the speed. This may be a visual help in slowing down as well. It seemed to him that if it works, it probably is a somewhat quieter solution than the stop signs would be; and hopefully will meet the needs on Hickman Street better than the stop signs. It is a good chance that it will. Lorraine – yes for pretty much all the reasons stated and especially since the data shows that it is not particularly a speeding issue. She thought the speed bumps will give the visual, and it would be a good alternative. Cathy – yes because she felt that the Committee needs to look at alternatives for slowing down traffic and re-diverting traffic other than putting up more signs. Pat- yes. One of the things the Committee has not discussed is to decide exactly where the speed bumps will go, especially since the Committee has included Munson in its motion - how many and where. The Committee was not very specific about that, but it was stated to investigate. Where the Committee is with this is that it is making the recommendation to the Commissioners that this be explored, and it would be remanded back to the Committee for investigation.) Motion carried unanimously.

Consider a policy for scooter parking and discuss parking allocation for all modes of transportation.

A decision needs to be made rather quickly whether or not the City will be charging for scooter parking. An ordinance for scooters will need to be developed. Where the scooters park, will affect vehicle, motorcycle and bicycle parking. It was suggested that anything with a motor should either display a permit or park at a metered space. In order to facilitate parking, some areas on the north side of streets are difficult to for a vehicle to turn around and park appropriately in those spots. If the Committee would designate the first or second space at the Boardwalk on designated blocks for scooter or motorcycle parking space, they could more easily navigate that space than vehicle can. Scooters should pay something at the meters and something for permits. Parking should be provided at spaces throughout the City, and they should be made revenue neutral. An option was for scooters to display a tag which would be reasonably priced that would allow them to park in specific spaces. The people who ride scooters should be educated so as not to park at the bike racks. Another option was to provide open-air permits for scooters which would allow them to park in front of houses in regular vehicle parking spaces.

George of All Wheels said that mopeds and scooters are different by DMV. He thought that scooters should be registered and have a sticker; and pay for parking. George recommended that the fees for scooter permits should be \$35.00 per season and \$75.00 for three years, non-transferrable. This could create a minimum of \$18,000 to \$35,000 in revenue.

Scooter parking should be in corrals without lines, and more corrals should be provided. It was suggested to get a traffic engineer or someone who understands parking to put a plan together for the scooter parking. A RFP should be put out to have someone come in to figure out how many corrals will be needed and where to locate them. Put out RFP and have someone come in on how many corrals and where to locate them.

Bicycle parking should be set up before the end of the street at the Boardwalk. Bike racks should not be placed on the beach side of Surf Avenue. Recommendations will need to be made as to where the bike racks should be located. A long-term plan should be developed for bicycles and bike racks before summer.

Bill Sargent made a motion, seconded by Lorraine Zellers, to recommend to the Commissioners that a system is put in place for any motorized vehicle that is not a car and not provide disincentives for mopeds, have annual stickers for residents for mopeds, have the daily parking system and have a chargeable annual system for visitors.

Handling the permitting would fundamentally be like handling permitting with cars. Residents would get free stickers. Visitors will have to buy stickers or permit for parking. Moped stickers will allow mopeds to park in any corral. If parking in a metered spot, they will need to pay.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Osterholm made a motion, seconded by Lorraine Zellers for the City Solicitor to look into what changes need to be considered with regard to the current ordinance for scooter parking and bicycle racks.

A suggestion was made to consider a policy for scooter parking.

Osterholm – aye, Ellison – aye, Zellers – aye, Sargent – aye, Coluzzi – aye, Diehl – no.) Motion carried.

Bill Sargent made a motion, seconded by Lorraine Zellers that the Commissioners request the City Manager to hire a transportation engineer for isolate areas for parking and come up with a plan to implement for next summer. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON FUTURE AGENDAS.

Items to be included on the next agenda are: 1. How to make sidewalks safe for people to walk during the winter months. 2. Scooters. 3. Bike Plan with focus on what to achieve before next season.

Items to be included to be included on future agendas are: 1. Bike racks and stations. 2. Addition of more silent policemen. 3. Consider whether to have more sharrows or take them out.

SET NEXT MEETING.

The next Committee meeting will be held on December 3, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Chair Pat Coluzzi adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(Ann M. Womack, CMC, City Secretary)

**MINUTES APPROVED ON
APRIL 19, 2013**

(Pat Coluzzi, Chair)