

Village of Mamaroneck Traffic Commission
Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024
Meeting held at the Village Courtroom
Minutes Prepared by Tina Maresca

Present: Robert Stark, Acting Chairperson; Commission Members: Laura Abbate, David Brown; Tina Maresca; Hillary Short; Erica Swansen. Leilani Yizar-Reid, Trustee Liaison; Lt. Galvin, VOM PD; Dan Sarnoff, Assistant Village Manager;
Residents: Patti Trifiletti, Karen Jastermsky, Ana DeLeon, Angela LaSorsa, Joe LaSorsa, Mr. Gianunzio, Pauline Patat, Mr. Patat, Ms. Diamond, Mike Smeets of LM Bike Lanes; and Diana Reilly of the Rye Neck SRTS
Absent: Ryan Buck

Tina made a motion to open the meeting at 7:04 pm. Erica seconded. All in favor.

Introductions

As acting Chairperson, Robert noted that we are skipping items New Business 2, 5, 6, Old Business 7, 8, 9, 10. Dan gave the Commissioners an explanation prior to the meeting.

New Business

Residential Parking Program - Ralph, Gertrude, Elliot Avenues

- Issue:** There is a lack of parking for residents around Mamaroneck Ave School. Teachers park on the street, people drop off their vehicles and are picked up by others and leave their vehicles all day and sometimes for several days, landscapers and contractor workers park their vehicles to go to work on the trucks. MAS cars have tags for teacher parking. This area is the same proximity to the train station as the other streets that are part of the current program. Madison St between Grand St & OWP Rd and Old White Plains Rd were left out of the original map for the program and should be added as well.
- Discussion:** Dan explained that to expand the residential parking program to add those streets the BOT would have to explain to NYS (Steve Otis) why it's needed and seek approval. Original program took 2-3 years to get approved. Program can not be amended, NYS has to approve which streets can be included.

Action: Laura made a motion to Recommendation made for the BOT to approve expanding the Residential Parking Program to include Ralph Ave, Gertrude Ave, Elliot Ave, Old White Plains Rd, New St, Madison St between Old White Plains Rd and Grand St, E Old White Plains Rd, and Underhill Ave.
Tina seconded, 5 Yes, 1 No

Issue: No crosswalk across Washington Street and Grand Street at Old White Plains Road.
We did not discuss this issue.

Parking at Valley Place and Ward Avenue

Issue: A resident from Valley PI explained there are too many cars with residential parking tags, cars without tags are also parking and not getting tickets, train commuters and workers from the shops, residents from the senior housing are also parking there. Residents are sometimes parking taking up 2 spots to save 1 for their significant other. Another issue is one house is rented as an AirB&B and often has several additional cars

Discussion: The following issues were discussed:

- Valley PI had parking re-striped and spaces reduced from 18 to 16. There are more residents than parking spaces.
- Seniors are parking from the building and oftentimes do not move their cars for several days.
- Ana asked if they could have a special sticker added to their current residential parking tag for only those cars to park on Valley PI. Dan explained this would then be considered a separate zone from the original zone that was established.
- Dan explained it is a public street so we can not limit people from parking there if they are purchasing the tags.
- Laura suggested that the Village only give out a certain number of tags per household.
- Angela & Ms. LaSorsa explained that on the one way section of Ward Ave it is so narrow that they can not get in or out of their driveway when a car is parked where it says no parking.
- Asked if a no parking sign can be added at 328 and 319 Ward Avenue. Dan suggested that we paint lines similar to how it was painted on Union Ave.

Action: The Traffic Commission agreed that we will start with enforcement to see if it helps. Lt. Galvin will ask parking enforcement and the

officers to do more patrol in this area. Lt. Galvin also asked that residents please call the police department whenever they see an issue so it can be documented.

Handicap Space on MelbourneAve/Hinman Place

Robert asked how we should handle handicap spaces moving forward
Robert spoke to the son of the woman who needs the handicap space. He explained that anyone can park in the spot and the son doesn't think this would be a problem.

The handicap spot should be placed on Hinman Pl as soon as you turn off of Melbourne Ave.

Fenimore Rd near I-95 Safety Concerns

- Issue: A resident emailed with safety concerns for pedestrians along Fenimore Rd beginning in the Town of Mamaroneck, past the I-95 exit ramp.
- Discussion: A resident requested a crosswalk and/or sidewalks from Baldwin Pl past the I-95 exit ramp.
Tina asked if it would be possible to do a walking assessment of that area. Dan said this should be done in conjunction with the Town of Mamaroneck
- Action: Work with TOM to set up a walking assessment of the area

Old Business

Request to Remove a Parking Space on Royal Place from Resident at 814 Hall Street - OLD BUSINESS

- Issue: One resident requested removing a parking space on Royal Place.
- Discussion: The following was discussed.
- All the other residents on Royal Place sent letters to the Traffic Commission objecting to the removal of the parking space.
 - Ms. Patat explained that it is difficult to pull out of her driveway because of how narrow the street is.

- Tina asked officer LaRocco if the fire department could get through Royal PI with the cars parked. He explained that many years ago 1 spot was removed so the fire truck could make the turn.
- Laura explained it was too narrow for a 2 way road. When she visited the location a car was coming in the other direction and she had to back out of the street in order for the other car to be able to get through. There was nowhere for her to pull over to let the car pass.
- David reminded us that neighbors sent letters asking us not to take the space away before our January meeting.
- Erica explained that there is enough room for them to get out of their driveway according to her calculations. She also reminded them that removing the parking will cause cars to drive faster.
- Laura asked if parking lines could be painted. Dan explained it is a maintenance issue.

Action: The Traffic Commission decided not to remove the parking space at the January meeting. After hearing their explanation the traffic commission recommends that the neighbors on Royal PI be notified and for them to send letters or come to the next meeting to let us know if they are ok with the removal of the parking spot.

OWPR/Grand – Walking Study Recommendations

Issue: Pedestrian and traffic safety issues at this location. Dan distributed the AKRF study for the TC to review. Laura, Erica & Tina spoke to Washingtonville residents and explained the results of the study from 2022.

Discussion: Residents were in favor of the recommendations that were suggested.

Add paint/pavement markings on OWPR to tighten up the road and make it safer for people to cross and slow down the traffic. Add poles/ballards instead of bump outs, remove a few parking spaces closer to the intersection, update crosswalks, add more crosswalks that are more visible, try smaller scale quick improvements first, move the stop signs back on OWPR and EOWPR. Parking is not enforced in the area which is narrowing the street. Make the parking restrictions uniform throughout the area so that all time limits are the same. Paint parking lines but not actual parking spaces, this will help with the crosswalks too.

Action: Erica will create a report of recommendations and next steps.

Dan suggested separating it up by administrative, regulatory and capital projects.

Crown Court and Knollwood Avenue – Pedestrian Safety

- Issue: Many residents have requested pedestrian safety measures at this location. The Traffic Commission has requested the traffic consultant to look at this location and make appropriate recommendations.
- Discussion: No update
- Action: Dan will follow up with Matt Carmody to look at this location.

FASNY at 145 New Street – Adding a Stop Sign on Underhill

- Issue: The Traffic Commission previously recommended adding a **Stop Sign on Underhill Ave at the corner of Underhill and New St.**
- Discussion: This was already approved and the sign has not been installed.
- Action: Dan will follow up with DPW

New Street and Old White Plains Rd - No Parking Sign

- Issue: The Traffic Commission previously recommended placing a No Parking sign on New Street at the corner of E Old White Plains Rd.
- Discussion: This was approved by the BOT but the sign was never installed.
- Action: Dan will follow up with DPW.

Old White Plains Rd and Madison St - removal of Parking Space

- Issue: Removal of a parking spot on OWPR and Madison St. was approved a while ago by BOT, other changes were made, this one spot was not removed.
- Action: Dan will follow up with DPW.

Vision Zero Project

- Issue: What are the next steps to implement the Vision Zero Program?
- Discussion: Robert suggested this should be worked on by a subcommittee. Leilani said she was working on it with David Brown. They do not have an update so far. She will meet with Robert Ingenito tomorrow to see how Vision Zero can be promoted to the community.
- Action: Leilani will set up a sub-committee meeting and report back to the TC next month.

Trucks Hitting the Metro North Bridge

- Issue: Long-term problem of trucks getting stuck at the Metro North Bridge. Erica reviewed what is currently there and came up with the following conclusions.
- Discussion: Erica presented the following:
- Erica reviewed the AKRF report dated March 16, 2022 and visited the MNR bridges at Mamaroneck and Fenimore.
 - Since the study was performed, it looks like the recommended truck route signing was added to the intersection of Hoyt and Mmk Ave, and the recommended clearance sign was added to eastbound Hoyt facing Mmk Ave.
 - The black and white clearance signs on the overpass follow NYS TSMI 20-01 which is more strict than MUTCD clearance guidelines (they are regulatory with 12" clearance buffer, rather than warning signs with a 3" buffer), so they can remain as-is.
- Action: The actual bridge clearance should be measured/confirmed, if it hasn't been already, to make sure the height on the clearance signs is still accurate (12" higher than actual measured clearance).
- There are still approaches that need clearance warning, like Northbound MMk Ave, westbound Halstead Ave, and westbound Hoyt Ave.

- We talked about potentially replacing the warning signs with signs that have flashing LEDs around the outside so they're more visible.
- Erica will have a list of additional recommendations for our next meeting.
- Dan will look into whether we have a budget for the LED light signs.

Larchmont-Mamaroneck Bike Lanes, Mike Smeets

Update:

Safe Streets for All Grant applications are now open. They are basically begging people to apply. Needs to be completed by the VOM. Need a quote from an engineering firm. Take an overall look at the Village and see what needs sidewalks, what needs bike lanes, et. Must be a safety plan. Mike mentioned that AKRF did the application for Larchmont last year so they probably know what needs to be done. We are probably too late for the deadline for the 1st round but we should be able to get in by the 2nd round. Dan will reach out to AKRF and the VOM grant writers.

Rye Neck Safe Routes to School, Diana Reilley

Boston Post Rd repaving project update:

Many conversations with NYS Dept of Transportation. Steve Otis's office stepped in. They are planning to have a meeting in mid-April and want to include all interested parties and have asked Diana to provide names to them of who should attend the meeting.

Diana has been trying to get in touch with George Latimer to explain the situation and hopefully he can help push for us. If there's anyone that can try to get them in touch it would be very helpful.

Lorena Street – Student Safety Walking to Bellows School

Issue: Request to add a sidewalk on Lorena Street.

Discussion: Dan said they are going to try and design it in house. They won't do the dead end section near Frank Ave. They may have some extra funds leftover from the MAS sidewalk project but he will need to speak to the board about it for approval. Not definite but he will try to get it done.

Action: Dan will speak to the Village engineer next week.

Handicap Spot at Park Ave/English Pl

Issue: Parks & Rec Commission recommended adding a handicap spot at the entrance to Florence Park at Park Ave/English Pl.

Discussion: This was already approved by the BOT. Email reminder had been sent by Parks Foreman 2/27 asking for an update.

Action: Dan will follow up.

Bleeker Ave Handicap Spot

Issue: Resident of the condo requested a handicap spot

Discussion: Nothing is available at the condo for the person who requested the spot.

Action: Leilani and/or Dan will follow up because by law they have to accommodate someone with a handicap issue. It was suggested the resident reach out to Westchester Fair Housing for help.

Union Ave Safety Concerns

Issue: Residents expressed concerns of pedestrian safety along Union Ave.

Discussion: BOT approved adding stop signs at Union & Ward last night. Recommendations from AKRF will be implemented once Con Ed is finished with the work there.
The stop signs were not part of AKRF's recommendations but the BOT added them anyway. Adding the stop signs will make the area uniform with the other parallel streets.

Additional Discussion

Robert mentioned that at the BOT meeting last night Manny mentioned updating the Village website. Can we include the TC in the website improvements?
Leilani will discuss social media with Robert tomorrow since it is quicker to get going. The website will take some time to update and improve.

Robert asked what the process is for DPW to get items completed. Leilani said the best we can do is to keep reminding her and Dan of the items that need to be completed. A lot of the items are weather permitting so sometimes it takes longer.

Robert suggested that we think about creating sub-committees to try and investigate some of the items that we are needing to look at

There being no further business before the Commission, Robert moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Laura seconded. All in favor.