

**TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
2021-2022**

July 20, 2021 Meeting:

- Maureen and Chief Dosin are getting dates on the calendar for crossing guard trainings at the end of August.

- Maureen had the idea of including Mike Gunther (DPW) in these meetings. His attendance could facilitate painting boxes and putting up signage by the time school starts. It might be a good idea to include the Fire Dept Chief on occasion too. Maureen to talk with Dosin about including Gunther at our next meeting on 8/10 at 8:30am.

- Maureen wants to start moving on the idea of a parking lot at the Burke. She would like to present it as a coordinated effort with the Village. She could present it to the BOE in September; have a public vote in May, and attempt to have it built next summer (the design is not complex).

- Discussed the James Street situation. Hoping the Village can move on making much needed improvements (currently waiting on the study results from the traffic engineer). Parents on this committee are concerned that disseminating info about our traffic safety progress when school starts will appear disingenuous if we don't mention our concern about the James Street situation. We parents plan to send a respectful letter to the editor of the Enterprise to voice our concerns and to urge the Mayor and Trustees to make improvements asap. Missed the deadline for this week, so we will send it in on Monday.

- PTSA will be at the Farmers Market on 8/28 and 9/11. We plan to sell Pace Car magnets and have a poster showing the locations of new crossing guards. Will we have parents take the survey?

August 26, 2021 meeting

Crossing Guards:

- Chief Doshin and Maureen will meet on Monday to finalize plans for training the crossing guards and create a schedule. The goal is to have the guards fully functional by October.
- Police officers will be alongside crossing guards as much as feasible in September while they are being trained.
- Location of guards: Mt. Hope and Rosedale; Mt Hope and Farragut; Hillside Ave (confusion whether guard will be at the intersection of Hillside and Farragut or at the crosswalk that leads from Reynolds to the blacktop—seems to depend on what the new signage along Hillside Ave will be). A guard will also be at Farragut and Mt. Hope in the afternoon to ensure safety of athletes going to and from the Burke.
- Question: With the new crosswalks across High St., could we please have a crossing guard stationed at James?

Signage along Hillside Ave:

- What is the ETA for these signs?

Don't Block the Box:

- What is the ETA for these to be painted?

ConEd work along Farragut:

- Does the Village have a sense of when this work will be done?
- Can the Village send out a communication to residents about what to expect when school starts? We foresee some bottlenecks...

Drop-off Zone on Farragut and School Bus Drop-off Zone on School St:

- To be discussed at Safety Council
- Mary Beth: Could you please let us know when the Safety Council plans to meet so that we can attend? Is there a schedule of meetings throughout the year?

Survey:

- We will beta test the survey with PTSA exec committee members starting on September 13.
- We will shoot to send out the survey around November 1 once crossing guards are in place and signage/boxes are in place and behaviors are established.

Traffic Committee at Farmers Markets:

- We will sell Pace Car magnets on 8/28.
- We will sell Pace Car magnets and have a poster/map with areas where we have made progress (eg, boxes, crossing guards, drop-off zones) on 9/11.

September 30, 2021 Meeting (Village Manager Mary Beth Murphy, District Business Official Maureen Caraballo, Trustee Georgia Lopez, Chief David Dosin, Marisa Silverstein, Sarah Birkedal, Tammy Black, Mark Kuniholm, Rhiannon Platt, Christine Thomas in attendance)

Crossing Guards:

- We will start with two additional guards in the morning and afternoon. One at Mt. Hope & Rosedale and one at Mt. Hope at Farragut. 4 people will be trained for these two spots. The hope is to have them trained and ready by next week. With time, another guard will be added on Hillside Ave at the crosswalk leading to Reynolds.
- A crossing guard will also be at the crosswalk leading to the Burke in the late afternoon hours to assist athletes going to / from practices and games. Maureen to talk with Wendol to see if he has people who could help with this.

Signage on Hillside Ave:

- Mary Beth to loop back with Gunther to find out status.

Paint the Box:

- Mary Beth to look into painting boxes in two locations: Hillside Ave at Farragut and Mt. Hope at Farragut.

Drop-off Zones:

- Drop-off zones on Farragut (both east and west sides of the street) can still be put in place with the Farragut striping.
- Need a school bus drop-off zone on School Street in front of the gym. Need to have the Safety Council look at this.
- Need another school bus drop-off zone on Chauncey by the tennis courts.

Making School St. and Rosedale one-way during school hours:

- Mary Beth to convene a meeting with Georgia and Dosin to look at this more closely.

Training of kids and parents:

- Officer Sam Brecker is going to all 3 schools to talk with kids about pedestrian safety
- Need to train parents. Need to think more about creating a video.