

Traffic and Safety Committee Meeting Report

Meeting Date: September 21, 2016 12:00pm

Traffic & Safety Committee Meeting; those in attendance, Commissioner La-Shon Foster, Commissioner Stephen Rideout, Chief Daniel Dvorak, and Oden Wheeler

100-200 block of High St.: Citizens feel that there is too much commercial traffic on High St. and the speed limit should be reduced to 15 MPH.

The Committee agreed that not allowing commercial traffic on High St. would be a detriment to the local business (Snappers, Clayton Seafood, Yacht Club and the Marina when cruise ships are in). Opening the County parking lot is not an option either. When this route is open during the week of Ironman, there are numerous complaints from employee's and citizens using that lot about speeding trucks going through there, etc.

The Committee recommends no action at this time. Chief Dvorak will monitor for potential speeding and take corrective action if he feels necessary.

Bayly Rd.: There is a day care center that is located in Patamoke subdivision where their rear yard and day care entrance backs up to Bayly Rd. The school bus picks up and drops off children at this location, and the daycare operator is concerned for the safety of the children with this drop off point being on a curve, the amount of traffic and speeding on this road. She was asking whether we could put up a sign in the direction of travel coming from Bayly Rd. towards Maces Lane indicating "School Bus Stop Ahead".

Committee agreed and recommends that a "School Bus Stop Ahead" sign be installed just prior to the slight curve just prior to the bus drop off point near the Comcast driveway entrance.

Vue De Leau St.: Commissioner Rideout on behalf of his constituents, asked the Committee to review the listed concerns below;

- Parking issues such as parking on both sides of the street and on the sidewalks
- Narrow Street
- 2 way traffic
- Resident interest in avoiding damage to their cars
- Parking of boats on the street and sidewalks for long periods of time.

After much discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend that there be a letter, door knockers, or something sent to the residents informing them of the City Code regarding parking of boats and campers, on the street, and parking on the sidewalks. After adequate notice is provided to

the residents, then CPD would begin enforcement. Due to the narrowness of the street the Committee would like to recommend to Council to begin the public process to consider changing Vue De Leau St. to one-way in the direction from Water St. to William St. similar to what was done several years ago when a number of adjoining streets, i.e., Choptank, Willis, West End, were changed to one-way streets.

Leonard Lane: Throughout the past several years there have been a number of housing units built within the Fox Tail/Conifer Village subdivision which borders Leonard Lane. Due to this development the pedestrian foot traffic has increased substantially along Leonard Lane, which does not have sidewalks or designated walking lanes causing a safety concern for those individuals walking to and from this development. In consideration of this safety concern, the Committee recommends that Council authorize:

- the speed limit be lowered to 25 mph, from the current 35 mph from Park Lane to Washington St.;
- yellow striping be painted designating the vehicle travel portion of the road, a white line placed on the side of the roadway designating a walking area, and installation of a street light towards Park Lane where there is a dark area.

Water St.: For many years during heavy rain events and extreme high tides, Water Street becomes flooded. When these events occur CPD will place barricades at the appropriate locations to warn and/or prevent individuals from traveling the flooded street. There have been times that due to CPD being tied up on calls, barricades were not deployed, and/or removed in a timely manner. In consideration of this and the frequency of street flooding, the Committee recommends to Council that signs be placed near the intersections of High & Water Streets, and in the area of Hambrooks & West End Ave. and other appropriate adjoining intersections deemed necessary by DPW, that read "Road Closed When Flooded". If Council agrees with the Committees recommendation, the deployment and storage of barricades at the Long Wharf, Water Street area would not be necessary.