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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES  
Remote participation via ZOOM  
Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – 7 PM.

**Present:** John Bethoney, Chair  
Charlie Packer, P.E. Member  
Dimitria Sullivan, SB

Jason Mammone, P.E., Director of Engineering  
Michael D'Entremont, Dedham Police Chief

**Absent:** Daniel O'Neil, Member

Mr. Bethoney opened the meeting at 7:03 PM and reviewed the virtual meeting guidelines and protocols.  
A roll call attendance was taken- above listed TAC members were present. Daniel O'Neil was absent.

**Agenda Item # 1 – Traffic Calming Request #2019-007, Central Ave, Kristina Hibbard (Applicant) – Discussion with applicant regarding sidewalk petition.**

The applicant was not in attendance. As such Mr. Bethoney suggested moving on to Agenda Item # 2 and coming back to this item.

**Agenda Item # 2 – Traffic Calming Policy Discussion –**

Mr Bethoney asked Jason to review and summarize the Policy amendment discussions from last meeting.  
Jason went through the changes starting with the Town Manager appointees.  
At least one of the three shall be a registered Professional Civil Engineer, and it is preferred the other two shall have experience in traffic/transportation engineering.

The submission of Traffic Calming Requests shall require 40% of the homeowner's signatures supporting the request. A copy of the owners of record shall be obtained from

the Assessors Office. The TAC may waive the minimum 40% requirement should more than 60% of property owners have addresses outside of Dedham.

Eligibility for traffic calming projects now includes a link to a reference map showing eligible roadways.

The scoring table was discussed - in particular the Pedestrian Generators Section.

Mr. Bethoney opened for TAC comments.

Charlie Packer stated, in his time on the TAC very few applications have reached the minimum required 50 points, thus the criteria may not need to be reduced. That said he feels the pedestrian generator points could have a ceiling. For example, Bonham Rd has no pedestrian generators yet there was a Traffic Calming Request submitted.

Dimitria Sullivan has not been on the TAC as long as other members but concurred that if its difficult to meet the 50 point requirement perhaps the criteria should remain as is, with the exception of the Pedestrian Generators.

Mr. Bethoney mentioned, in his experience on the TAC, resident's perception of a traffic problem is real, but the points reveal the request has no merit for actual traffic calming measures.

After much discussion, the TAC decided to cap the allowable points for Pedestrian Generators at 13 adding the following language – "Allowable points for this criterion shall not exceed 13 points".

Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to accept the changes and present said changes to the SB for their approval, Dimitria Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Packer- all in favor.

Jason will draft the final revisions and send to the TAC. Dimitria Sullivan will have the item added the SB Agenda for October 7<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Bethoney returned to the first Agenda Item. The applicant, Kristina Hibbard, joined the meeting at 7:39.

Mr. Bethoney asked Jason to review the sidewalk petition. Before submitting the petition to the SB for review, Jason would like the applicant to collect signatures from at least 50% of the homeowners on the street. Jason prepared a map of the street highlighting the houses where signatures of the owners of record should be collected. 13 signatures would be 50% and then the TAC could proceed with sending the proposal to the SB.

Ms. Hibbard apologized for being late and thanked the TAC for the chance to speak. Ms. Hibbard mentioned she has already collected signatures from 17 household in favor of

installing sidewalks. She asked if she could cross reference her signatures with the map Jason provided as she has already canvassed the neighborhood 3 times.

The TAC will allow the request to cross reference.

Jason will email Ms Hibbard with the map and names. The final petition will be sent to the TAC and then on to the SB.

**Old/New Business –**

Jason stated the next meeting will be October 12, 2021.

Being no further business at 7:50 Mr. Bethoney sought a motion to adjourn, Charlie Packer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dimitria Sullivan – all in favor.