

DERRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes for February 15, 2018



COMMITTEE MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Scott Savard, Chairman	X	
Walter Deyo, Co-Chair	X	
Ed Garone, Derry Police	X	
Mike Gagnon, Derry Fire Dept.	X	
Jane Simard, Derry School Dept.		X
Randall Chase	X	
Jim Roddy	X	
Ronald Goldthwaite		X
Jared Vaughn		X
Alan Côté, DPW	X	
David Kelley (School Dept Alt)	X	
George Feole (Police Alt)		
Scott Jackson (Fire Alt)		
Mike Fowler (DPW Alt)		

A monthly meeting of the Derry Highway Safety Committee was held Thursday, February 15, 2018 at the Derry Municipal Building Center. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Minutes

Alan Cote made a motion to approve the December 21, 2017 minutes as presented.

Seconded by Walter Deyo

MOTION PASSED (7 – 0 – 1) David Kelley abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Karl Dubay – 23 Crystal Ave – Site Review

Karl Dubay explained that they had come before this committee so time back with a proposal that was very retail orientated. Since then the site has been reworked and they will be repurposing the existing building to house a bank w/no drive threw, an Urgent Care and a Doctor's Office. In the back of the building will be space set aside for a warehouse/distribution center. There will be a restaurant with an outdoor patio off on the other corner in the current gravel area.

They are still working on the parking as well as working with the church to upgrade their parking area adjacent to this lot. If the church agrees they will propose to remove a curb cut. The same sidewalks, curb cuts and light improvements from the original plan are still in the current proposed plan. They will also be talking to the owners of Moo's Place to see if they were interested in providing some interconnect parking in the back at no cost to them.

With regards to traffic, this proposed plan will be lowering the expected traffic from 113 trips to 94 trips during the evenings weekdays and on the weekend from 135 trips to 94 trips.

They are proposing to remove the parking spaces in front of the property to allow for a dedicated turning lane and signal improvements at Lenox, as originally planned.

Scott Savard asked Alan if the anyone had ever considered relocating the crosswalk to Moody St.

Alan Cote stated that Moody St is the same distance from the church as the current crosswalk at Lenox St. He added that he was not in favor of mid-street crosswalks.

Mike Gagnon stated that the church patrons exit the church come down the stairs and cross right there. They are not walking down to the crosswalk.

Ed Garone asked Karl Dubay how many handicapped spaces were needed for this type of use.

Karl Dubay stated that they are still working on identifying how many spaces were needed. He added that they currently show handicapped spaces in their proposed parking lot along the front of the property with a dip down to access the sidewalk. After hearing everyone's concern regarding

patrons not crossing at the existing crosswalk; he is rethinking the dip down and relocate the handicapped spaces all together.

Karl Dubay mentioned that the dash lines on the plan show the church property line. They were hoping that the church would allow them to connect their parking lot to the proposed lot.

Alan Cote felt it would be great to encourage a right turn only from that lot as well.

Ed Garone questioned if the patrons turning left would be a protected left.

Karl Dubay stated that currently it is unprotected however, in their proposal it would be a protected left.

Ed Garone was concerned that pedestrians trying to cross that one lane of traffic would stop and the second line of traffic would not. It could be a nightmare. Has there been any discussion about straightening out the crosswalk at Lenox.

Karl Dubay asked the committee if they would like to see them paint hash marks to deter motorists from using the middle lane and just have a small cueing area for Lenox Rd.

Ed Garone suggested installing an island.

Alan Cote felt that was one way to ensure that motorists came out of the parking lot and took a right. He was also in favor of reducing a curb cut, if possible.

Karl Dubay asked the committee if they had any other calming techniques to suggest.

Scott Savard felt if an island were to be installed it would make it difficult for fire apparatus to access the property.

Karl Dubay stated that they will go back and modify their plan to discourage mid-crossings and would come back in March with an updated proposal.

Discussion tabled until the March 15, 2018 Meeting

Jewett Construction – 57 & 61 No. Main St – Chrysler/Dodge/Ram Dealership

Brian Jones and Corinne Tobias presented the dealership site plan to the committee. They explained that they were going to realign the curb cut to be opposite to Linlew Dr. There would be a drive-thru service bay, and a car wash for the dealership with the service bays being in the back of the building. No other street changes are being planned. This project is on a State Road and they have filed for a curb cut with them.

Alan Cote stated that this committee has limited jurisdiction on this project. He felt that this project would have no impact on the signals at Tsienneto Rd.

Corinne Tobias added that there would be no pedestrian impact. With regards to traffic they anticipated 134 vehicles on the weekends and 85 vehicle weekdays in the evenings.

Randy Chase asked if they had considered a dedicated left turn coming south on Rt 28 Bypass (No. Main St)

Corinne Tobias stated that they didn't anticipate a need for it at this time.

Randy Chase felt that the State may come back with that request.

Brian Jones mentioned that this project would be going before TRC on Friday morning.

Highway Safety Committee had no concerns with the project as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alan Cote made a motion to adjourn at 10:05 am.

Seconded by Jim Roddy

MOTION PASSED (8 – 0)

Next Meeting is Thursday – March 15, 2018

Respectfully,

Sharon Jensen